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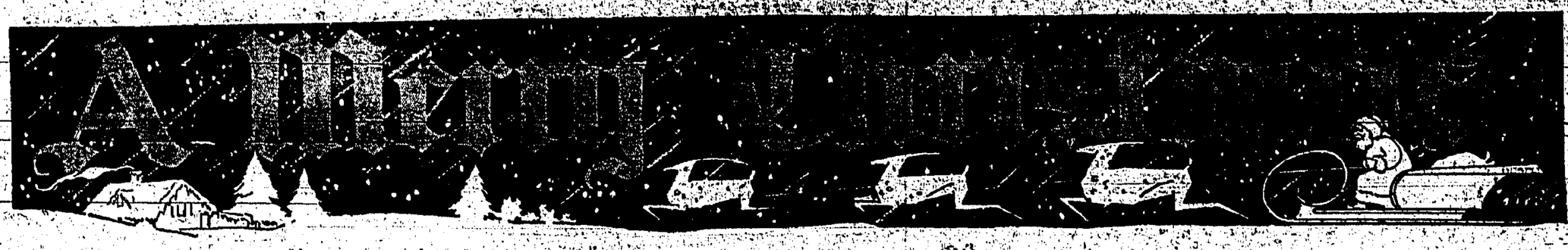

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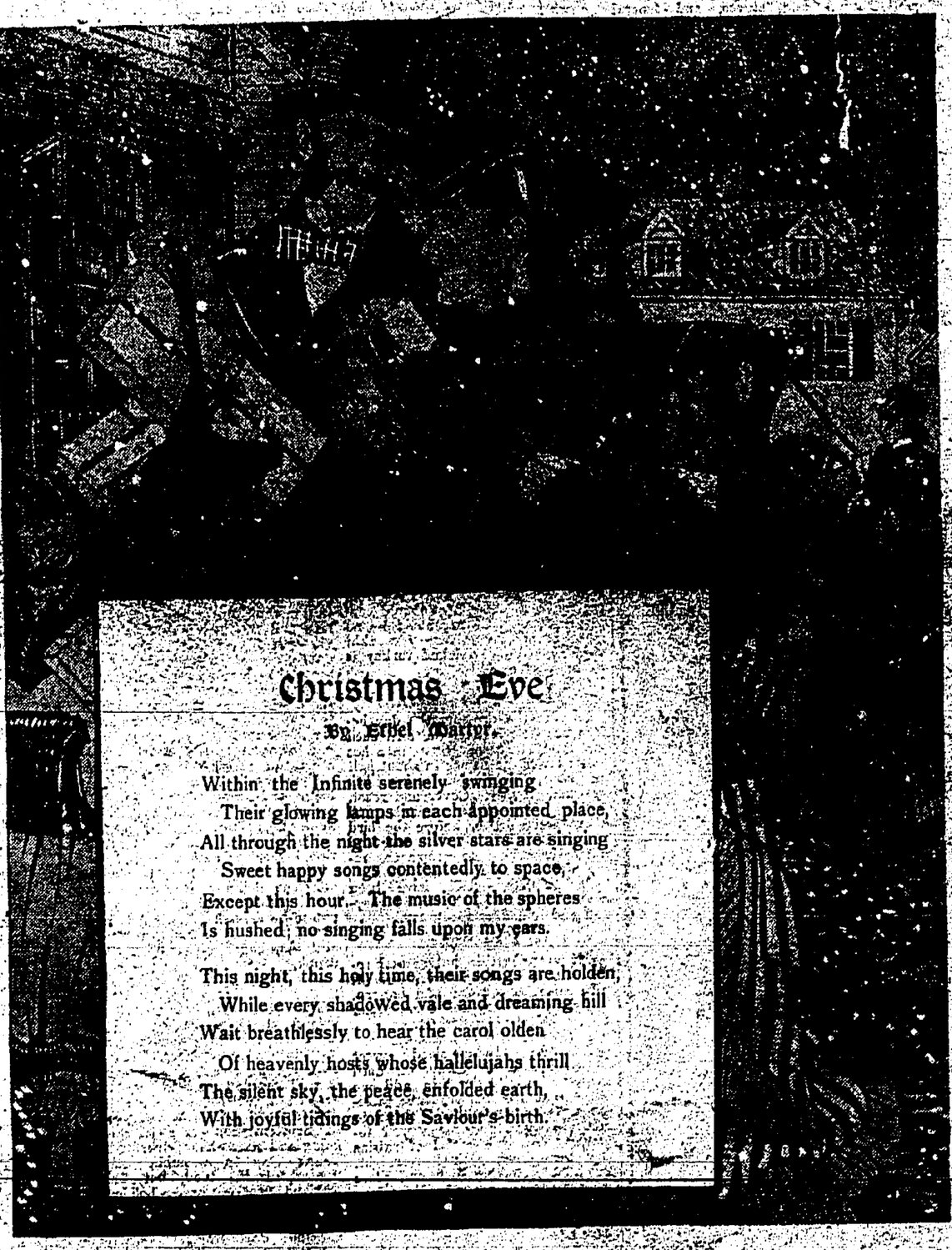

Christmas Eve

By Ethel Wattyr.

Within the Infinite serenely swinging
Their glowing lamps in each appointed place,
All through the night the silver stars are singing
Sweet happy songs contentedly to space,
Except this hour. The music of the spheres
Is hushed; no singing falls upon my ears.

This night, this holy time, their songs are holden,
While every shadowed vale and dreaming hill
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The Peaceful Way

By John Thorpe

'Twas Sunday's eve and brooding deep
I fared a silent way.
No feathered friend called mate or brood,
And cheerless was the day.
Then as the sun sank sullenly,
Black-robed and downcast eyed,
Beside a rugged bridle path
Three nuns walked side by side.

I saw their lips move as they passed,
Perhaps they prayed for me,
They may have said old words I heard
Beside my Mother's knee.
And tho' my way is not their way
(Their creed is none of mine)
The sunset seemed to turn to gold,
And twilight was divine.

I had been sad and ill at rest,
And sore was I at heart,
But as they passed I felt peace come
And grief and dread depart.
The day itself seemed holier,
And blest the ground they trod—
And I felt as a sinner might
Who'd made his peace with God.

I watched them walking silently
Far in the fading light,
Till up a hill, and down a hill,
And they were out of sight.
Through door and pane of wayside homes,
Pale lights were burning low,
And yet it seemed a bright light shone,
The way I saw them go.

Let's Be Kids Again!

Christmas is magic. It's hard to say what starts it—the strings of spiky, silvery stuff, hung up in the shops, and looking like hairy caterpillars from the South Pole, etherialised and indefinitely prolonged; the bits of Christmas flush in people's buttonholes, the December racket of the cicadas, the Monday morning sun-burns, or little Willie chasing a blow-fly out of the kitchen—with shouts of joy.

But Christmas is magic, and we do things at that time that at any other season would land us in what Americans call "the nut factory." We eat fat, hot plum-pudding when the thermometer's up in the nineties and the perspiration's running down our brows (and it doesn't do us a half-penny worth of harm!). We give each other cards with robin-red-breasts and holly on them, though most of us wouldn't really know what these things were if we were introduced to them.

And all this is very well, for to my way of thinking sanity is largely insanity, and insanity the raw material of songs, and prophecies, and true dreams, and love.

Granted then that we're splendidly insane at Christmas—let's be a little more so, let's—all we double-harnessed people—pretend that we're just High School age again, giving each other conversation lollies with "I love you" on them, and playing kiss-in-the-ring and postman's knock!

Didn't we have fun then! And why, in the name of all that's ridiculous and glorious, can't we have fun now—seeing it's Christmas and the hot plum-pudding's coming triumphantly into the hot dining-room decorated with those endless silvery "caterpillars" and the soundless chimes of red and yellow Christmas bells!

Forget all about the late thirties and the early forties (or the higher numbers, that, anyhow, are only taking us back towards our "second youth"); forget the doctors, the dentists, the plumbers, the radio-license inspector, the lay-byes, and the bill from the garage; forget the arguments, and the forgotten anniversaries, and each other's relatives—just forget to remember them.

Anyway, they're not real—not as real as play, and poems, and a little kiss in the pantry passage, and a laugh at the kitchen and a sigh for the baby.

(Don't you believe me! Then read the scientific text-books, and find out how unreal most so-called "real" things are; things like tables, and stoves, and funeral monuments. They're just vibrating centres of electric energy, as unsubstantial—or as substantial—as a thought. In a thousand years or so where are they! But a song or a love-story is still travelling on with men and women, making them tender and glad).

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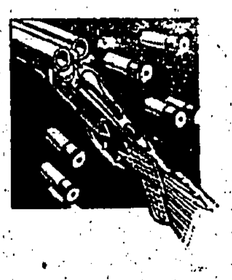

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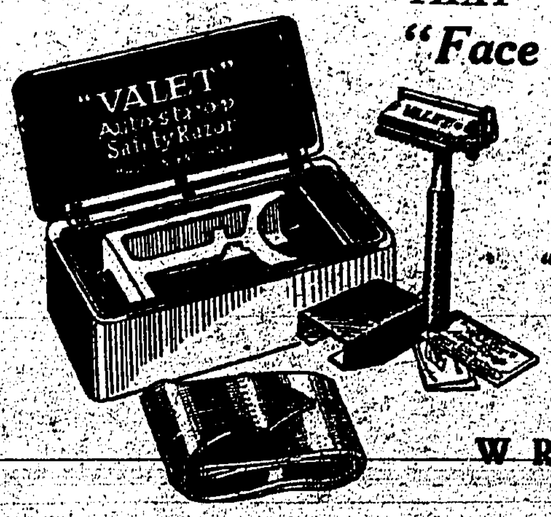

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IT'S TURKEY TIME!

How To Select Your Bird

When grandmothers lived chiefly in the country and raised their own turkey, it was a widespread tradition for all the branches of a family to gather at the old home to share the Christmas feasts, praise the cook, and exchange news.

Modern conditions make it more convenient at times for both the younger and the older generation to discontinue those very large old-fashioned Christmas gatherings. One reason for the change is the fact that fine turkeys are now available in almost every market throughout the winter, as well as at the holiday season. So they are less of a novelty in themselves, and other conditions lead the modern young housewife to try her hand at cooking them rather than to look for an invitation to the old home.

The less experienced housekeeper, however, is apt to hesitate before the problem of selecting the royal bird. The turkeys on the retail market generally fall under one of three groups: "Prime," "choice," and "medium." The principal difference is in the amount of fleshing and the occurrence of defects due to dressing. Prime turkeys are full-fleshed; choice are well-fleshed, and medium are fairly well-fleshed. A turkey that bears one of these grades carries its own assurance of tenderness and palatability if properly cooked.

Of course the housewife must go to market with some idea of the weight of bird she will need. If only four people are to enjoy the dinner, an eight-pound turkey will be ample; in fact, it would serve six or eight if necessary. Perhaps a ten-pound bird would be a better choice for eight persons, and so on, correspondingly, with an increased number.

One must know, too, whether she wants to cook a young or an older turkey, the latter requiring longer, slower cooking. Age is distinguished, as with other poultry, by the flexibility of the tip of the breast bone, which bends easily in young birds.

Fleshing is the principal consideration in selecting a turkey. An exceptionally fine bird will have a broad full-fleshed breast, and the back, hips, and pin bones will be fully covered with fat. Young birds are softer meated than older ones, which have coarser flesh and require longer cooking.

A good turkey should also be well bled, well dressed, and free from pin feathers. The crop should contain no feed. There should be no flesh bruises and very few skin abrasions. A dry-picked turkey is to be preferred.

Roasting the Turkey.

Prepare the dressing the day before but do not stuff the bird until just ready to roast. Start in a hot oven; lower the flames in about half an hour, after the turkey has browned slightly. Cover and roast, basting every fifteen minutes, until about half an hour before the bird is finished. Remove the cover and allow the turkey to brown the remainder of the roasting period.

The giblets, which have been cooked previously, should be chopped and added to the gravy.

Fruit Cup.

Cut grapefruit in halves and remove inner fibre. Sweeten and fill with slices of orange and banana. Top with a cherry and serve either as a cocktail or a dessert.

Special Sweet Potatoes.

Boil six medium-sized sweet potatoes with the skins on until tender. Remove the skin, add one tablespoonful of butter, three tablespoonfuls of sweet milk, sugar to suit the taste and mash well together. Add one cupful of raisins that have been soaked overnight. Put into a baking dish and place marshmallows around the top. Brown in the oven. This makes a delicious dish to serve with game at dinner.

Delightful Confection Made of Pared Pumpkin.

A delightful confection may be made of one-inch squares of pared pumpkin. To a pound of these pieces, three-quarter pound of sugar is added, and allowed to stand overnight. In the morning the syrup may be drained off and cooked until it coats the spoon, after which the pumpkin, one lemon, and a tablespoonful of preserved ginger are added, and boiled until the pumpkin is cleared. The pumpkin should be simmered until the syrup is absorbed, and then lifted out and drained first on plates, then on a screen covered with cloth. When it is no longer sticky, it is rolled in granulated sugar and packed in glass jars.

Variation Given to Potatoes and Other Crops.

Increased interest is being shown in the Jerusalem artichoke, both as a human food and as a forage crop. As a human food it gives a pleasant variation to potatoes and garden roots. It has long been known that the Jerusalem artichoke stores its carbohydrates as insulin instead of starch, and it is claimed that it may be used by diabetic persons to a much greater extent than foods containing an equivalent amount of starch.

Christmas In Many Lands

YULETIDE IS THE SEASON OF LUCK BRINGING AND FESTIVAL;

ANCIENT CUSTOMS THAT HAVE SURVIVED THROUGHOUT THE AGES

Time leaves the essential Christmas spirit untouched. The tendency in England this year is to accentuate the cheery nature of the winter festival, increase the number and importance of the gifts exchanged, and add still more to the attractions of the season for young and old. The more crowded and strenuous the life of the day the more relief is sought in the abandonment of work and the enjoyment of pleasure.

Christmas Day falling on a Sunday, the public has looked to the Government to declare the Tuesday after Christmas Day a public holiday. Whether this is done or not, the majority of English people will extend their relief from work to the Tuesday, and from one end of England to the other will spend both Monday and Tuesday in open-air sports and games and in visiting their friends far and near.

If there is anything "new" in the English Christmas, it lies in the increase of Christmas sport and Christmas travel. The latter is to-day an essential feature of the holiday, and it is of such dimensions that the whole country may be said to be "on the move." It is not so long since, and certainly within the memory of all who have reached middle age, when Christmas travel was a weariness and a vexation. Trains were few, slow and uncertain, the roads were deserted. To-day all that is changed. The railways are alive and busy; the roads are filled with cars.

Always delightful in summer, the beauty spots of Britain have an austere charm in winter that has appealed to centuries of great painters. To those who love to transport themselves into the past the winter view of England brings a keener sense of the conditions under which these great castles and abbeys, these black and white and half-timbered farms, these thatched cottages were built and lived in.

Gay holiday amusements will be found at hotels in London and the resorts. The place of the hotel in the life of England is becoming more important each year. The hotels of London, in their cuisine and appointments, are the equal of any in the world. They are the meeting place of those who, on account of changed conditions, no longer entertain in their own homes. At Christmas and the New Year the hotels vie with one another in decoration, dance, dinner, cabaret, and the presents they give to their guests.

For the masses Christmas holidays will bring football matches, for the golfer special tournaments, for the country squire and the hunting townsmen the pleasures of the Meet on Boxing Day, for the athlete cross-country runs, for the hiker and rambler the joys of a tramp across the downs and hills in the keen December air.

Wherever he may be, the traditional pleasures of a well-stocked Christmas table will not be neglected. The delights of roast turkey, plum pudding and mince pies are not to be denied. The brandy must blaze, the cracker must be pulled, and time-honoured toasts must be drunk.

Scotland.

There was a time when Christmas passed almost unnoticed in Scotland, the mid-winter festivities taking place at New Year. Old customs die hard, and the New Year is still brought in with rejoicing, which is a revelation to the visiting stranger who has hitherto regarded the Scottish people as staid, steady-going and somewhat "dour." New Year's Day is a public holiday throughout the land, but, unlike England, Scotland has no holiday on the day after Christmas—Boxing Day. Boxing Day, as is well-known, is the day when "Christmas Boxes" are distributed by householders to those who have served them throughout the year, to the postman, messenger-boys and the like. A similar custom exists in Scotland, but instead of being called a "Christmas Box," the present is known as a "Ne'erday (New Year Day), and is usually given on Hogmanay (New Year's Eve) or during the week between Christmas and New Year.

Scottish customs and habits on Christmas Day differ in no wise from those of England, on which indeed they are founded. On the other hand, the celebration of New Year is rich in habits and customs peculiar to Scotland. The younger and more exuberant members of the community gather in the open air, in streets and squares, to await the coming of the New Year, and, as the bells ring out, all join hands and sing the song to which Scotsmen the world over turn in sentimental mood, "Auld Lang Syne." It is an amazing scene. Respected citizens may be seen shaking hands with down-and-out strangers. Some, to whom the past year has brought tragedy and grief, are weeping. All are looking forward to a year which will be better than the last.

Wales.

Keltic magic still exercises its sway over Wales at Christmas time

(says J. O. Griffith-Jones). If we do not believe in fairies any more, we conjure up whimsical spirits in song and story, and in cottage and farmhouse and hotel this season there will be revels and a great coming together.

The Keltic year of our ancestors began on November 1, and this day is named in Welsh, Calan Gaeaf—pronounced Kallon Guyaff, meaning Winter Kalend. Long ago the night was marked by celebrations and feasting, and even now special fairs are held in country districts followed by bonfires on the hillsides. Children spend days collecting material to feed the great blaze, and there is laughter and music in a thousand towns and villages.

When I was a boy no one spoke of Guy Fawkes, but we were all excited about the winter bonfires, which were conveniently staged over a period of several weeks and extended into December. If the weather is kind this practice is still carried out in certain districts of North Wales, and is regarded as a kind of "lighting up" of winter revelry.

I have met old people who can recall the picturesque ceremonial attached to these blazings half a century or more ago. Furze and faggots were essential, and persons ran back and fore through the smoke and the fire. Boys would run sunwise round the great blaze, drawing nearer with each turn, and those who dared ran through the ashes at its edge. Those who caused the sparks to fly were considered brave and would be in luck for a whole year.

People threw stones, which they had marked, into the heart of the bonfire, returning next day to seek them. To find your own stone was lucky, to fail to find it meant misfortune and in some cases was regarded as a death omen.

When the fire died down there was a general scamper for home for fear of the Black Sow without a Tail. They sang as they fled:—

"Home, home, let each try to be first—
And may the tail-less Black Sow take the hindmost!"

Christmas has its round of competitive festivals of song and poetry. The children start their carol singing early—weeks before the feast—and on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning choirs of trained singers roam the countryside heralding the Nativity with real Welsh fervour. In many Churches, both in North and South Wales, the ancient custom of holding a dawn or cock's crow service continues. Last Christmas in the Cardiganshire hill-country I attended a service at 5 a.m., and the congregation which had come on foot and horseback from a radius of ten miles sang carols and said prayers and listened with rapt attention to a sermon until the dawn broke.

In the southern industrial country of Glamorgan a picturesque custom called Mari Lwyd has survived. A youth wearing a painted horse's head and dressed in a white sheet is accompanied by others in the parts of a Merry Man (wit fiddle), a sergeant, a corporal and Punch and Judy, and they go from door to door. They sing demanding entry to the house, and the householder sings in return denying admittance. At last the door is opened, and there is more song—the mummers sing for their supper and then return thanks in song, too.

Ireland.

For the visitor there are two ways of spending Christmas in Ireland—alone or as one of a crowd. Any one in search of a rest can find a beach, a lake or a mountain valley to which he will be the only visitor. But he will not be lonely, for in Ireland, the stranger, if companionable, is adopted by the people and made free of their pleasant society at once. For those who prefer to be in the midst of typical Christmas enjoyment, in the best modern hotel spirit, Bundoran in Donegal, Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown) in Dublin, Rosslare Harbour in Wexford, Glengariff in Cork, Killarney in Kerry are some of the places where there is plenty of life and movement at Christmas with golf, hunting and fine walking country at the door.

In the "real" Irish parts of the country, where the ancient language is still spoken along with English, that is in Donegal, parts of Connemara, Kerry and Cork, and in a few other places, one will see the old setting for Christmas unchanged. On Christmas night a lighted candle will burn in every window of the white-washed farmhouses. The farmer's children will be trying to count how many candle-lights they can see from their own home. A larger candle will be set in a sod of turf or turnip for holder. This will be the Christmas candle, to burn every night until the New Year. Cups and saucers will be upon the table, between meals, for wandering souls from Purgatory who may revisit their old homes.

All of this older life of Ireland, co-existing in the midst of and with the new modern life, is one of the delightful discoveries for the Christmas visitor who moves a little out of the beaten tracks.

Scandinavia.

"Yule" is the only word all over Scandinavia for the great festivity of Christmas. And it is Christmas, and not Christmas Day, that takes the preference in the celebrations in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. The rallying points are the churches, where in the Hall is generally placed a huge Christmas Tree beflagged and bedecked. Everyone is welcomed, but no-one should come without bringing a Christmas present ("jul-klapp"), the value of which is inconsiderable.

A supper is served at long tables, decorated with candles and tulips, and the fare is a reminder of bygone days, when food was much simpler and cruder. One dish is codfish, treated in an emulsion of wood ashes and salt, which ip eaten like plum pudding, whether the diner likes it or not. Then follow porridge, made of rice, best-rown with cinnamon, and in it is *one* sweet almond, which brings luck, or marriage, to the one who gets it.

Afterwards, the parcels, which have been pooled, are distributed, and festivities continue until midnight. And next morning the churches are packed to capacity at the services.

In London, there is a Swedish colony calling themselves the "Berserks and Vikings," who, in addition, celebrate the old Yule on December 13, from the day when the Swedish calendar was moved eleven days. Many old-fashioned customs still prevail at their meetings. One is the "dipping" by everyone present of a piece of special bread in a huge saucepan, containing a liquor in which cuts from a pig and special sausages have been prepared. It is said to be the merriest Scandinavian gathering during the year—but, alas for poor Eve—is exclusively attended by men!

Hungary.

Christmas is a quiet day for Hungarians. Christmas Day brings the decorated tree, but the New Year's Eve is the real time of entertainment. On that night the national dishes and music are often followed by two "luck-bringing" customs. As the clock strikes, a chimney sweep enters the room, and gives everyone present a chance to take a bristle from his brush. Carried throughout the year this will bring good fortune to the owner.

Another custom brings into the room New Year sucking pigs, and to touch them gives an added chance of happiness.

Philippine Islands.

The religious aspect of the Nativity is strongly stressed in the islands of the Philippines, more especially on the Christmas Eve. When darkness falls, and the lights flicker up in the open window of the houses under the cocoanut trees, a soft-footed procession makes its way from door to door, singing hymns and sacred songs. They are not akin to the Old World "waits," as they do not halt or enter to wish good fortune that is reserved for Christmas Day itself, when any house worthy of the name is thrown wide open to everyone, friend or stranger, who may dare to avail himself of the general hospitality.

It is customary on this day of "Ma-ayong Pasco," to distribute small gifts to all who have rendered services to the household during the year. But so strict are the dictates of hospitality in many parts of the interior that even should the owner have reason to be away from home during Christmas, his house must still be left open, with food and wines provided for the good of the seasonable well-wishers.

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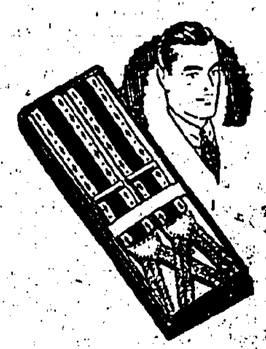

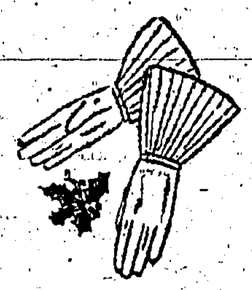

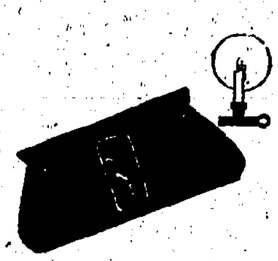

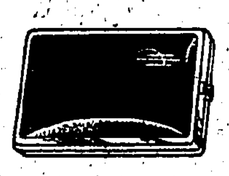

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Christmas Presents In Olden Days

JEWELS AND ELEPHANTS!

The custom of giving Christmas presents dates from very early times, indeed, we may say from that first of all Christmas days when the Wise Men brought gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh as offering to their infant King.

In Norman times the kings received from their subjects Christmas presents of money and food, 'being harmless provocations to Christmas love,' as an old writer expressed it. The citizens of Gloucester sent every year to the reigning sovereign a most elaborate lamprey pie, and this custom continued right up to the beginning of last century. It was revived again in 1893, when an exquisitely moulded pie and two silver skewers were given to Queen Victoria.

In the reign of Edward I. present-giving had become an art, and we hear of him graciously accepting on Christmas morning 'a large ewer set with pearls, all over, and comb and looking-glass of silver gilt, a bodkin of silver in a leathern case, and a pair of large knives of ebony and ivory studded with silver enamelled' from his nobles. He also received from the King of France an elephant, 'a most strange beast, and wonderful to English people, since never had anything of that kind been seen before.' The sheriffs of London had orders to build at once a house forty feet by twenty feet for this curious Christmas gift.

His son, Edward II., revelled in costly food and clothes, so it is scarcely surprising to hear that on the first Christmas Day of his reign he received fourteen heads of peacocks for pies, twelve white tunics, and eighteen coloured tunics embroidered with gold and silver.

Henry VI. was only a child when he ascended the throne, and doubtless, like other children, delighted in preparing little Christmas gifts for his mother. We hear of him as a boy of ten presenting her with a ruby ring and a crucifix of gold weighing fourteen ounces and garnished with sapphires and pearls. In return she gave him some tablets of gold ornamented with precious stones, and a small quarto book which can still be seen in the British Museum.

Edward IV. celebrated the festival of Christmas with wonderful pomp and display, but he did not forget his children, and we are given a pretty picture of his little son in the park one Christmas Day 'riding his own horse, which was a right fair hobby (horse), which the King had given him that morning.'

The Princess' Presents.

It is evident that the children of those days had their full share in the Christmas festivities, for a century later we read of tiny Princess Mary, daughter of Henry VIII., receiving a cup of gold from the Italian cardinal, a jewelled pomander from the French Queen, and two smocks from Lady Mountjoy. Her brother Edward was also the recipient of smocks, including one from his sister Elizabeth embroidered by her own hands; and we hear of him one Christmas playing with a miniature silver table service, as our children play to-day.

When Queen Mary ascended the English throne, the novelty of a woman as monarch suggested great ideas in the way of presents. During her first Christmas she received, among other presents, 'a pair of sleeves richly embroidered with Flemish silver, a table richly painted, collars and cuffs of fair white damask, ornaments of silver and gold, six barrels of figs, two fat oxen, two dishes of jelly, and cakes of spice bread.'

These offerings rapidly decreased as the ill-starred queen's popularity waned; but when Queen Elizabeth began to reign, Christmas presents attained an almost historic importance. Every year she received 'large sums of money, costly garments for her person and apartments, caskets studded with precious stones, valuable necklaces and bracelets, embroidered gowns, smocks, petticoats, mantles, silk stockings, purses of gold pieces, and a variety of other ornaments.'

In 1574 her favourite, the Earl of Leicester, gave her a wonderful fan of white feathers set in a handle of gold, one side garnished with emeralds and the other with diamonds and rubies. Sir Francis Drake also gave her a fan of white and red feathers, the handle of gold having Her Majesty's picture within it framed with diamonds and seed pearls. Lady Howard, her waiting lady, presented her with a jewel of gold, representing a cat with mice playing round her; and from other court ladies she received a flower of gold, garnished with sparks of diamonds, rubies, and opals, and a pearl pendant with devices painted upon it.

Odd Gifts.

When the Stuarts came to England, the practice of present-giving was still continued. In 1604 Prince Henry presented to his father a Latin poem in hexameter verse, to his mother a pearl necklace, and to his sister, little Princess Elizabeth, a cabinet of ivory wrought in silver. This seems a strange present for a tiny girl in the nursery, and yet not so strange as the 'two fat oxen' which she received that same year from the Mayor of Coventry. Doubtless her Christmas gifts in late years would be more to her taste, when the Prince Palatine presented her with a rich chain of diamonds and two pendant pearls unequalled in size.

Under the rule of the Commonwealth, present-giving, like all other old Christmas customs, was abolished for the time, but when Charles II. returned to the throne it was revived in full force, and the people also began to exchange presents among themselves.

Pepys in his diary, mentions his purchase of a silver tankard as a Christmas gift to the Earl of Sandwich, and laments the number of 'drums, trumpets, and boxes costing much money' which he was obliged to give during the Christmas season. 'I see nothing at Christmas but giving away my half-crowns like farthings to porters and butlers,' he complains again later.

We hear little of royal presents after George I. came to England. The monarchy was now not a public but a private institution. The foreign kings, surrounded by a foreign court, secluded themselves from the public gaze, and little of their intimate family life was known to the nation. But the time-honoured custom of giving Christmas presents and Christmas boxes and Christmas tips is as popular to-day as ever in our country.

Christmas In The Bush

I suppose it is because I have been used to the bush that I feel the Christmas atmosphere more in a country home than anywhere else. That home may be miles away from shops and pantomimes; there may be no excursions or picnics in view; there may be nothing around but the undulating forest and the familiar bird-calls along the creek; but still one can sense that it is Christmas.

Mum and the girls are busy for days making cakes and puddings and hop beer. Dad goes out with dog and gun for ducks and geese, or wild turkeys and pigeons. The field is wide and well stocked, and it doesn't put up the price of game just because it is Christmas.

There is plenty of poultry running about the premises, all sorts of poultry; and there are "sucking pigs" in the sty; but somehow the swamps and scrubs are levied on for the festive season. It is a custom that goes back to the far bush days when the settler had few fowls, or none at all, and there were wild ducks and geese and turkeys innumerable to be got with the gun.

Dad also keeps a look-out for wild bees' nests. He is always looking for them, but more particularly just before Christmas, and when he gets one there are buckets of honey and a keg of honeymead.

The younger boys drag home bundles of green bushes and lash them to the verandah posts. Perhaps nobody sees them but the family, and the whole surroundings are green with trees and shrubs; but that doesn't matter. The boys dress the posts with enthusiasm.

And everybody watches the roads from time to time for the home-coming of the elder sons, who have been away perhaps all the year, some of them hundreds of miles off, on the droving track, on some far-away diggings, or in the shearing sheds. The bush mother always looks for their return what time the customary back log reverts to old memories as the Yule log; and at night she listens for the sound of wheels or the tramp of hoofs.

Perhaps they will clatter home in the middle of the night, or later; but everybody tumbles out of bed at the barking of the dogs, and rushes out excited and half-dressed, to meet the travellers. All except Bubs, who wakes in the morning, and stares, wide-eyed, at a half strange, bearded face that is smiling at her.

And what tales Bill and Jim have to tell of their wanderings out West, and up North and at the back o' beyond; and what a stream of home news is prattled into their ears between times and simultaneously, or sooner.

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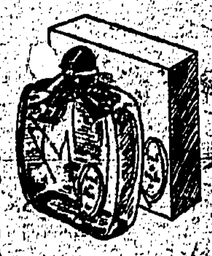

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Waking His Rounds Again!

BRING BACK THE HARLEQUINADE!

By STEPHEN GOLD.

I suppose I shall take my children to the pantomime this Christmas as usual. Old habits are strong, and in spite of many disillusionments we shall still hope against hope that the Show will make some sort of attempt to live up to its title, and to tell the story—Cinderella, Sinbad, or whatever it may be—without too many stupid falsifications.

But in any case I fear that the chief glory of the Pantomime as I remember it in my own young days will not be there. However thrilling the plot, laughable the Widow Twanky, or spectacular the Transformation, the thing we all waited for most of all, the very pinnacle of the evening, was still—the Harlequinade.

Our elders used to complain that there was never anything fresh in it, that it was just the same as it was last Christmas. But that was the great joy of the Harlequinade; as in the Punch and Judy Show on the beach, of the Clown's antics at the circus, one knew just what to expect, one could anticipate with confidence a repetition of old familiar delights. We distrusted novelty, much as our elders distrusted a new hymn in church. Old friends were best.

What a reviving of sweet memories when the curtain went up! There stood the dear old Butcher's Shop, with its red-faced proprietor in his blue-and-white-striped apron, its juicy joints, its enormous sausage-machine, and those delectable strings of succulent sausages, just the same as last Christmas, exactly the same—hurray!

How we craned forward in our seats, or even knelt up on them! And how indignantly we protested against the grown-ups pinning on their hats and fidgeting with their ulsters! Why, this was the best of the lot; this was what we *came for!*

Glorious was the Clown with his three tufts of hair, the scarlet gash of his mouth in the paper-white face, and that red-hot poker of his that we watched with eager eyes. How we shouted with laughter at the fat Policeman's troubles with the wumble Pantaloon, at the string of sausages jumping as if alive, at the little poodle Bingo, and again the scandalous doings of the unconscionable Clown, till the grown-ups forgot their impatience and laughed to see us laugh.

Then Harlequin and Columbine, a flash of grace and beauty floating across the stage, stirring in us emotions we could not understand, adding the piquancy of contrast to the farce. And the ineffable climax, when the Butcher is tipped into his own sausage-machine and comes out in the shape of blue-and-white-striped sausages!

Alas! There will be no such Harlequinade this Christmas. It is 'out of fashion,' and the children will come empty away. They will be very polite about it all, but later on we shall hear their comments in the nursery.

Why has the Harlequinade been given up? It was a form of humour as old as the hills, and from the days of pre-historic Greek comedy to its revival in 'modern' form two hundred years ago, it always had its public amongst children, both old and young.

Is it that to-day we are a little doubtful of the 'moral' of the Clown-Pantaloon story, that we find the sausage-machine theme a little too 'bluggy' for our delicately nurtured offspring, and dread the psychological reaction of that red-hot poker in our drawing-rooms at home?

Or is it that we are thinking of our own tastes all the time, rather than the youngsters, and are making the 'Children's Pantomime' a mere pretext for indulging ourselves with one more glorified revue.

In any case, I'm sorry for the kiddies!

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DISASTROUS FIRE IN TOKYO

10 PEOPLE KILLED: YEN 5,000,000 DAMAGE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 16.

TEN people were killed, 50 seriously wounded and over a hundred injured, when fire ravaged the eight-storeyed Shirokiya Department Store in the centre of Tokyo's principal shopping district to-day.

Five army 'planes dropped life-saving apparatus to those who had taken refuge on the roof, while a battalion of infantry assisted the fire brigades to put out the blaze and keep the surging throngs away from danger.

The damage is estimated at Yen 5,000,000.

The store at the time of the outbreak was crowded with Christmas shoppers, who along with sales-girl and two lions encaged in the menagerie on the roof garden, added consternation when making frantic efforts to escape.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LAUNCESTON, Dec. 16.

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Sutcliffe compiled 108 runs in 140 minutes. He hit two sixes and six four's, while Pataudi in a vigorous spell at the wicket, collected 109 runs in 147 minutes, during which he hit eight four's. Ames collected 91 and Paynter 53.

CHARGES AGAINST CHAN SIK NIN

SOLICITOR'S SEVERE COMMENT ON THE DEFENCE

UPHELD BY MAGISTRATE

The case in which Chan Sik Nin, a well-known Hong Kong merchant and former director of the Tung Wah Hospital, is being charged with having forged and uttered a power of attorney, and, by its means, seizing a vast business in Hong Kong, with ramifications in Indo-China, and running it as he pleased, was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The firm in question was the King Fook Wo, medicine dealers, of 66, Bonham Strand East, and the accused was alleged to have misappropriated monies, goods and chattels of the firm to the value of over a lakh.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro, ass., represented the defendant who entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Lo drew his Worship's attention to the method adopted by the defence which, he contended, was very dishonest. Mr. Lo stated that all the account books belonging to the firm were in the possession of the defence who, however, only produced in Court those which pointed in their favour. According to law, Mr. Lo contended, this could not be done, as all books concerning the case, whether in the favour or otherwise, must be produced.

Mr. D'Almada in reply strongly objected to the term "dishonest" made by Mr. Lo. He stated that the books had been in the possession of the police for a long time and had the prosecution desired to examine the books they should have done so. The books produced in Court had only just been received from Indo-China and he himself had not yet time to examine them. His Worship, however, ruled in favour of Mr. Lo and stated that all books concerned in the case must be produced.

Chan Kan Hing, the manager of the firm's branch in Indo-China whom the accused was alleged to have ousted from that position by a false power of attorney, continued his evidence from the previous hearing. He stated that the balance sheet was made from a number of account books and not only from those produced in Court. During his term of office from May to the end of 1930 he remitted $15,000 back to the Hong Kong office, including $2,000 which he gave to defendant at his request.

After further evidence in connection with the books the case was adjourned.

(Continued on next column)

CHINA AND SOVIET RUSSIA

IMPORTANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, Dec. 18.

THE restoration of diplomatic relations between China and Soviet Russia has led the Soviet newspapers to publish many articles emphasising the importance of Sino-Soviet co-operation in the Far East.

The *Pravda*, however, introduces a somewhat discordant note by publishing an article declaring that the Chinese Communist Party is rallying the whole of China for the overthrow of the Kuomintang and that undoubtedly the time is not far distant when the whole of China will be converted into an emancipaed Soviet country.

SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.

It is reliably learned that the Soviet Consulate-General at Shanghai will re-open next week. The former Soviet Consul-General will resume his duties here.

The Soviet Commercial Office will be reorganized and expanded.

The Soviet authorities are completing speedy preparations for re-establishing their consulates and recovering their lost influence throughout China.

DR. W. W. YEN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

NANKING, Dec. 15.

The Chinese newspapers this evening state that Dr. W. W. Yen has been appointed Chinese Ambassador to Moscow and M. Karahan will be Soviet Ambassador to Nanking, Dr. Alfred Sze is to return to Washington as Chinese Minister to take Dr. Yen's place.

Although official announcements are lacking, it is believed that these appointments are highly probable.

C.E.C. MEMBERS ATTACK JAPAN

SERIOUS ACTION AGAINST INVASION DEMANDED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 16.

MESSRS. T. V. Soong, Sun Fo, Wu Teh Chen and four other prominent members submitted a resolution to the Central Executive Committee Conference providing:

(1). For concentration of troops in Jehol, Chahar and the Hopei area with instructions to resist if "enemy troops" invade Chinese territory, and also to enter Manchuria in an attempt to recover lost territory, if opportunity permits.

(2.) That the Kuomintang and the Government spiritually and materially assist the Volunteers in Manchuria.

(3.) That the Kuomintang and the Government direct a nation-wide boycott against "enemy goods."

The resolution also deplores the dilatoriness of the League in respect to the Sino-Japanese dispute.

(*Further cables will be found on page* 9).

IN HONG KONG TO-DAY

FINE

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT, FORECAST AND REMARKS, ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 5.15 P.M., STATED:—

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TIME TABLE AND PASSENGER FARES

NANKING, Dec. 9.

A complete schedule of the time-table and passenger fares for the Shanghai-Tacheng Airway is announced by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation following the decision to inaugurate the service on Thursday, the 15. It is understood that the Postal authorities have been duly notified to this effect and mails for the North-West by air will be received.

After the first flight to Tacheng (Sinkiang) on the 15th (Thursday), future flights will be made on Tuesdays, one plane leaving each terminus weekly. The entire distance of the route, totalling 4,050 miles, will be covered leisurely in three days. The complete schedule follows:—

From Shanghai to Tacheng:—

Leave Shanghai, Tuesday, 7.00 a.m.; Nanking, 9.30 a.m.; Loyang, 2.30 p.m.; arrive Sian, 4.30 p.m.;

Leave Sian, Wednesday, 7.00 a.m.; Lanchow, 11.45 a.m.; arrive Suchow, 4.00 p.m.;

Leave Suchow, Thursday, 7.00 a.m.; Hami, 11.45 a.m.; arrive Tihua, 3.00 p.m.;

Leave Tihua, Friday, 7.00 a.m.; arrive Tacheng, 10.30 a.m.

From Tacheng to Shanghai:—

Leave Tacheng, Tuesday, 7.00 a.m.; Tihua, 11.30 a.m.; arrive Hami, 2.45 p.m.;

Leave Hami, Wednesday, 7.00 a.m.; Suchow, 11.45 a.m.; arrive Lanchow, 4.00 p.m.;

Leave Lanchow, Thursday, 7.00 a.m.; Sian, 11.45 a.m.; arrive Loyang, 1.45 p.m.;

Leave Loyang, Friday, 7.00 a.m.; Nanking, 12.00 M.; arrive Shanghai, 2.00 p.m.

Passenger Fares.

Passenger fares are: Nanking or Peiping to Loyang, $100; to Sian, $175; to Lanchow, $405; to Suchow, $705; to Hami—$980; to Tihua, $1,220; to Tacheng, $1,505—Kuo Min.

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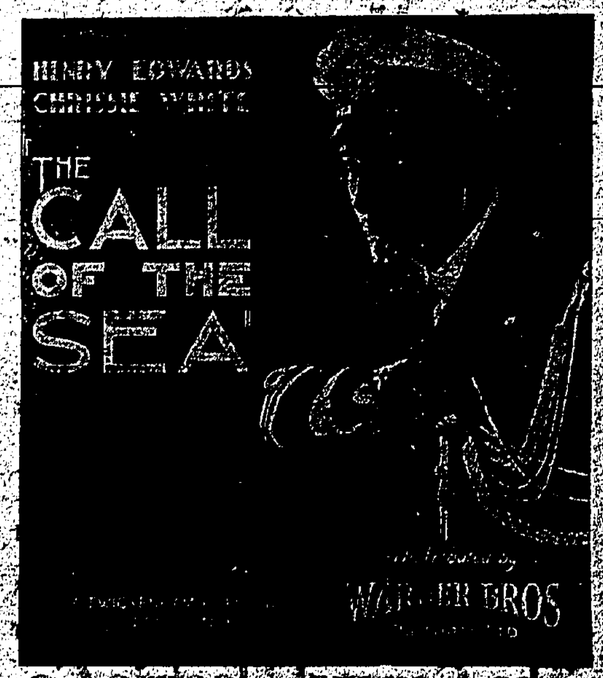

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Irrigation Work In Shensi

BIG PROJECT FOR WEI PEI DISTRICT

ELABORATE SYSTEM OF WELLS

Shensi is the cradle of Chinese civilization, and from the dawn of Chinese history to the first century of the Christian Era was a land "flowing with milk and honey." Writers of the Han dynasty and earlier periods speak of a fertile land extending for thousands of *li*, with fields covered with bounteous crops and the countryside dotted with mulberry groves and ramie plantations. But what a sad contrast Shensi presents to-day. This province is subject to periodic drought, which often causes widespread famine. Although changed climatic conditions are believed to be partly responsible for Shensi's present plight, the main factor is the lack of irrigation facilities. About two thousand years ago, there was a network of canal which tapped the Wei River for irrigation purposes, but after successive invasions by hordes from the Steppes of Mongolia, when Shensi and other northern provinces were overrun by nomads who knew nothing of agriculture, these canals were either destroyed or neglected.

Dependent on Rain.

In the absence of irrigation facilities, Shensi farmers now depend entirely upon the rainfall for the success of their crops. They may sow but are never sure to reap, because the weather is always capricious, and in recent years, has been particularly so. For instance, last year—when the entire Yangtze valley was flooded owing to excessive rainfall—the fields in certain parts of Shensi were parched for lack of moisture.

Campaign of Well Sinking.

The urgent need of providing irrigation facilities has been fully realized by the provincial authorities, who, besides outlining a project for making canals, have started a campaign of well-sinking. The canal project for the Wei Pei districts, though elaborately worked out, will take time to materialize, and present financial conditions in the province do not admit of immediate execution. As a means of providing relief meanwhile, Shensi farmers are being advised to sink wells, and this work is being done with official aid.

500,000 Wells.

Last year the Shensi Provincial Department for Reconstruction engaged some experts from Tientsin and a score of wells were sunk to test their value for irrigation purposes. The experiment proved most successful, and the Shensi authorities have drawn up ten-year plan under which it is anticipated some 500,000 wells will be sunk. The work is being started in the Kwan Chung districts, which are divided into two areas: Wei Nan (south of the Wei River) and Wei Pei (north of the river). In districts south of the Wei the work is easier because water can be tapped close to the surface, where pressure is comparatively high and artesian wells are of frequent occurrence. The authorities plan the sinking of 145,000 wells in five years for these districts.

In Wei Pei more difficulty is expected, because deeper wells are needed to reach the water. In these districts 421,000 wells are to be sunk, the work to be completed in ten years.

The Results?

It is estimated that after this plan has been carried into effect the production of wheat and other cereals will increase by 12 million piculs. The Shensi Provincial Government has appropriated $30,000 for the purchase of 200 sets of well-sinking plants, which are to be distributed free among the 33 districts of Kwan Chung, each *hsien* to have six sets. Well-sinking crews will be organized, the Department of Reconstruction being responsible for providing the advice and technical assistance required. Qualified foremen will be trained by the Department and sent to the various districts, each of which will raise funds to pay the workmen.

METALS THAT WILL NOT MIX

"IMPOSSIBLE" ALLOY FATALITY

How a man was killed in a London metal works during an attempt to fulfil an order for an "impossible" alloy, was described at the inquest at Deptford on Henry Frederick Milligan (30), a metal press worker, of Heavitree-road, Plumstead.

It was stated that his employers, the Delta Metal Company, of East Greenwich, had received an order from Scotland to make rods of an alloy of 55 per cent. zinc and 45 per cent. lead. The metals were heated together and an ingot was made. This was put into a hydraulic extrusion press and exposed to a pressure of 1,312lb. About seventy-five feet of rod came out from the extrusion holes and then the metal began to squirt out "like shrapnel," pieces hitting four men, of whom Milligan was one.

Mr. A. Topham, factory inspector, said that only about two per cent. each of the lead and zinc would be absorbed by the other, and the order was therefore impossible to fulfil. No one in the works realised this, but when the ingot was put into the press the metals in it must have been almost completely separated, like oil and water.

"The zinc came out perfectly in rods," added Mr. Topham. "Then they came to the lead, which was behind, and, as soon as they got to it, it began to squirt through the holes like bullets from a machine-gun."

He added that the peculiar behaviour of lead and zinc in the presence of each other was little realised, and the order would have "caught out" nine firms out of ten. The firm had the prospect of a considerable order, and very naturally did what they were asked, although actually it required a metallurgical expert to realise that they were trying to do something quite impossible.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and said that they thought the firm should take the precaution of employing a metallurgical chemist in future. Mr. Topham told the coroner that steps had been taken immediately after the accident to see that no other contractors accepted a similar order.

BUILDINGS WITH 100 STOREYS

U.S. ENGINEER'S VIEW OF FUTURE LONDON

Restaurants ten storeys below Regent-street are visualised by Mr. Bert Rhodes, an American engineer who has been studying building conditions in England. He stated:—

"I can foresee the day when buildings one hundred storeys high will be erected in Regent-street, in Piccadilly and in Oxford-street. It is no use telling me that London soil won't support sky-scrapers. A sky-scraper could be built on water if necessary.

"The builders of the sky-scrapers will have to go down into the earth some ten storeys or so to support the hundred-storey building. But these foundations will not be wasted. Restaurants, shops and offices will be accommodated below. Modern systems of ventilation will ensure good air at the lowest depth.

"A thing that has struck me about London is the way in which offices are scattered about. It is practically impossible for an executive to get more than four or five appointments in a day. The busy executive finds that one man has his office in Victoria, a second in the City, a third in Holborn, and a fourth somewhere over London Bridge, and the fifth up near King's Cross.

"Interview which last perhaps 20 minutes necessitate taxicab journeys of half an hour or more through your narrow streets.

"It is impossible, of course, for it to be otherwise when so much space above ground is wasted.

"When the skyscraper, with its 60, 70, 80 or 100 storeys comes into existence, the whole of the business quarter of London will be concentrated in an area perhaps a mile square—making it easy for busy executives to make and keep anything up to 20 appointments in a day. There will be much less traffic in the streets—but each building will have between 60 and 70 lifts."

NEW ARCHITECTS' FIRM IN SHANGHAI

KEYS AND DOWDESWELL.

Messrs. Keys and Dowdeswell, F. & F.R.I.B.A., have commenced to practice in Shanghai as architects with offices situated in the Hamilton House. This firm is responsible for the design and erection

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FRENCH RAILWAY FUSION

RATIONALISATION UNDER STATE CONTROL

DEFICIT THIS YEAR OF £50,000,000

Paris.—A project for the amalgamation of the French railways under State control has been prepared by the Minister of Public Works and will be submitted to Parliament in the near future. The private companies have more than once been invited by the Government to effect a fusion and it has now decided to take the matter into its own hands.

During the last ten years the railways have lost £180,000,000 and the deficit during the present year alone amounts to nearly £50,000,000. A part of this is attributed to the economic depression, but approximately £25,000,000 is of a permanent character due to the unprofitable manner in which the railways are run, the competition of road communications, heaviness of taxes, and various other factors.

The problem was one of the most urgent with which the present Government was faced on assuming power, and as it is strongly opposed to the increase of fares demanded by the companies it has decided to go to the root of the evil and rationalise the railways. Big economies will thus be effected in administration, the various systems being controlled by a central board, while overlapping and costly competition will be avoided.

It is not yet settled what form State control will take—whether its authority will be delegated or exercised directly as in the case of the tobacco industry and other public monopolies. The present Government is believed to be in favour of direct control. As regards the competition of road traffic, the Minister proposes to draw up a further project dealing with railway, road, and air communications, so that eventually the whole of France's transport will be rationalised.

MODERN USES OF ELECTRICITY

THE PERFECT TIMEKEEPER

Mr. George F. Sills his address as chairman of the north-western centre of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, spoke on the new applications and the expansion of recent uses of electricity, a subject which enabled him to cover a wide and interesting field.

"The accurate recording of time electrically," he remarked, "is proceeding very rapidly, but it will probably involve some little argument with the supply authorities. They may get tired to being told that their supply stopped at, say, 2.33 and 26sec. a.m."

The public complimented electricity by expecting perfection of it, though they were content to have nine non-electric clocks in the house, none of which told the correct time and some of which they forgot to wind. Mr. Sills said that he was recently in a new house in which a plug for connecting an electrically controlled clock had been installed over the centre of each mantelpiece. He thought that was probably the first private house to be so equipped.

An electric smoke detector and a photo-electric relay device for operating light-houses, a safety device for controlling railway level-crossings, methods of drying tea and curing tobacco, was advances which Mr. Sills noted.

A further useful advance recorded was that of arranging conferences by inter-connecting the members of a committee or other body by transmitters and loud speakers so that they could conduct their deliberations without the necessity of assembling all in one place. This, he remarked, was a valuable procedure in the case of a conference required at exceedingly short notice between people separated by long distances.

Mr. Sills mentioned the modern use in surgery of an electric needle which rendered operations more safe and speedy because it sealed the bloodvessels as the surgeon proceeded.

BRITISH CANNING INDUSTRY

TWO NEW FACTORIES

London, Dec. 3.—Rapid advances in the development of a new British canning industry are indicated by the decision to open two new factories at King's Lynn, Norfolk, while a French firm is taking over a closed factory and going to extend it.

Orders for fruit and vegetables have been placed with farmers and labour requirements were probably necessitate the importation of workmen from the neighbouring counties.

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Notes From East and West

Cotton Mill Equipment for China.

Messrs. Jardine Engineering Corporation Ltd., of Shanghai, have signed an agreement with the Chen Tung Cotton Mill at Tsinan for the supply of cotton spinning machinery to the value of £33,700.

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United Kingdom Production of Pig Iron and Steel.

The monthly memorandum of the National Federation of Iron and Steel Manufacturers, Caxton House, Tothill-street, London, S.W.1. contains the welcome news that there were two more blast-furnaces in operation at the end of September than at the beginning. Even now, however, the furnaces in blast in this country total only 59. The production of pig-iron in September amounted to 260,400 tons, compared with 259,400 tons in August, and 248,200 tons in September, 1931. The September output of steel ingots and castings totalled 430,300 tons, against 361,500 tons in August, when production was affected by holidays, and 400,300 tons in September, 1931.—*Engineering.*

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Oil Interests in New York.

Oil interests at New York are reported to be considering the formation of a tanker pool among the companies operating coastwise tankers of over 4,000 tons capacity, along the lines of the Norwegian experiment.

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Fire Launch for Canton?

Canton.—On account of the difficulty of transporting fire engines to the suburban districts of Honam in time of fire, and the inability of the Fire Department to cope with fire which may occur on river boats, the Bureau of Public Safety has formulated plans for the construction of a fire motorboat which will be used as an auxiliary of the Fire Department. One of three motorboats now owned by the Bureau of Public Safety will be immediately converted into a fire launch, which will be ready for service by the end of next January, it is reported.

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Canton Cement.

The demand for cement in Canton exceeds the supply and the cement works in Honam and Sai Chuen are busily working to turn out sufficient products for the market. The two cement works under the Kwangtung Cement Trade Bureau are manufacturing over 1,600 barrels a day, while sales amount to $5,000,000 a month. Steps are being taken to increase the output in both factories in order to meet the increasing demand.

Proposed Arsenal near Peiping.

The construction of an arsenal at Tungchow, about 40 miles east of Peiping, has been decided upon by the Peiping Branch of the Military Affairs Commission. Plans are being drafted by German experts engaged for the purpose. The Peiping Branch also appropriated a sum of $150,000 for the construction of an aviation field at Tsinghua Yuan, which is near the Tsinghua University west of the city.

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Nanking Waterworks Loan.

A contract has been signed between the Municipal Bureau of Finance of Nanking and a banking syndicate headed by the Bank of China for a loan of $300,000 for the completion of the Nanking waterworks. The loan will bear interest at 9 per mille per mensem, to be redeemable in seven monthly instalments. The work of installation has been going on for some time, but owing to financial difficulties progress has been retarded.

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Proposed State Cotton-Mill.

It is reported that the Ministry of Industry is planning the establishment of a mill for the production of fine cotton yarn.

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Site for State Machine-Shop.

The projected central machine-tool works under the Ministry of Industry will be built at Taohsichhsia, Hsiakwan, the land selected covers an area of about

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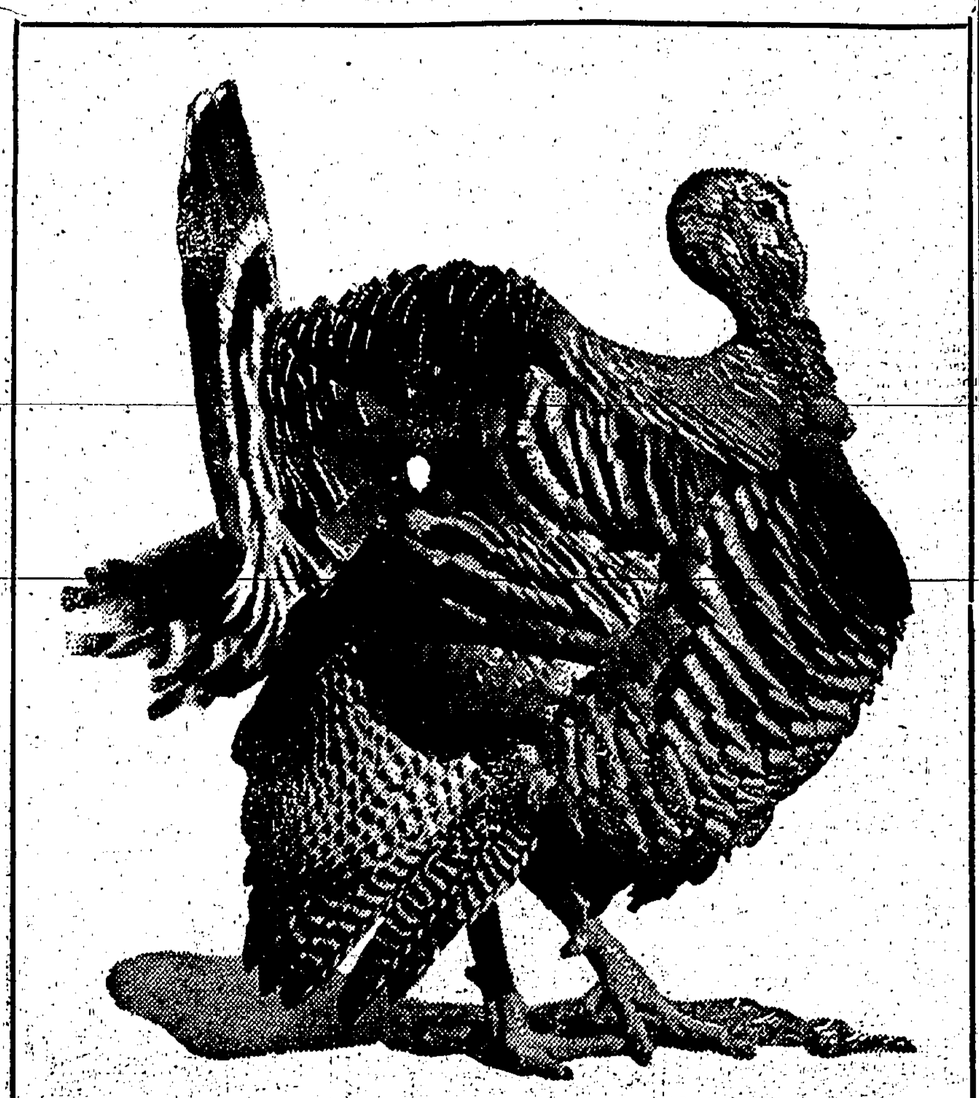

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RUBBER ROAD IN SINGAPORE

RAFFLES PLACE TRIAL

NUMBER OF PROBLEMS SOLVED

Singapore, Dec. 8. — Malaya more than any other country has so much to gain from an extension of the uses of her principal product that more than ordinary interest attaches to the activities going on at-present in Raffles Place, in front of John Little's.

All during this and next week the thousands of people who pass there every day will see a gang of coolies busily at work laying a road. The sight is so common in Singapore that normally it need evoke no comment but there is a difference in this case—this is no ordinary road, it is a rubber road the type of road upon which Malaya has been fixing her fondest hopes for years as the most promising of the "new uses" and the most likely method of eating into those mountainous stocks which must be removed before prosperity returns to her hardest hit industry.

The present trial is of considerable importance from the point of view of the possibilities which its success will open up and it is of interest also as being the largest test of a rubber road ever made in this country, 29 feet wide and stretching for 270 feet, from the end of Battery Road past John Little's to where Robinson's starts.

The work is being done for the Singapore Municipality by Messrs. Gammon (Malaya) Ltd., under the P.D.C. (Parry Davis-H. W. Cowling) process, Messrs. Gammon being the sole concessionaries for Solar Processes, Ltd., the company formed to exploit the P.D.C. inventions.

The original intention was for a stretch of road to be laid in Connaught Drive, opposite the Cenotaph, but the Municipal Engineer, Mr. K. G. M. Fraser, was of the opinion that Raffles Place would constitute a much more severe test because of the greater volume of traffic, and, more important, the considerable stresses imparted through the actions of braking, stopping and starting. In addition it is believed that the publicity value will be much greater for, apart from the thousands of Singaporeans who pass every day there is hardly a visitor whose steps do not lead him past this spot.

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130 *mow*. Notification has already been issued by the Nanking Municipal Government ordering the immediate removal of all straw huts on the site, so that construction of the necessary buildings may be be gun without delay.

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Railway Pier at Nanking.

Tenders are being invited by the Ministry of Railways for the construction of the Chungshan pier at Hsiakwan, Nanking. According to plans of the Ministry, upon inauguration of the railway ferry across the Yangtze between Hsiakwan and Pukow, the Chengping wharf will be devoted exclusively to the loading and unloading of freight, while the Chungshan pier will be used solely for passenger traffic.

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New Railway for Kiangsu.

The Kiangsu Provincial Department of Reconstruction is drawing up plans for the construction of a railway linking Haichow, on the northern coast of Kiangsu, with Tungchow, near the mouth of the Yangtze River. The projected railway, which will pass Yencheng, Fowning, Kuanyun, and other important cities in northern Kiangsi, will be approximately 200 miles long, and serve an area almost devoid of modern communication facilities, linking up with the Lung-Hai railway at Haichow. Surveys are now being conducted by engineers of the Kiangsu Reconstruction Department.

COMMODITY PRICES IN JAPAN

BIG RISE OWING TO FALL IN YEN

EFFECT UPON FOOD AND CLOTHING

Tokyo.—Commodity prices are rising rapidly, in many cases they are soaring, as the natural result of the fall in the yen exchange rate and the Governments' inflation policy. Prices have risen anywhere from ten to a hundred percent, with every likelihood of a further augmentation of this tendency, the survey indicates.

In the opinion of the head of the Tokyo Prefectural and Municipal Market Association the greatest sufferers, as a result of the rise in commodity prices, are salary earners. In many cases their revenues have been slashed in the face of rising prices, thus coming as a double blow to them.

According to the survey just completed comodities, whose prices were raised during the past month, practically cannot be sold in the municipal public markets districts along the circle of the elevated railway line around the city. These include imported canned goods and other such products.

As the public have generally come to believe that prices in the municipal markets are as cheap as they possibly can be made, the number of people patronizing these markets during the past few months has increased tremendously as a result of the rise in commodity prices in general, but the amount purchased by each customer has decreased.

For instance whereas average sales to each customer were 35 sen in past months, this sum has dropped to 30 sen at present at the Kamata Municipal Market.

Crisis Possible.

In the view of the investigators there is likely to be a crisis next spring especially if the yen exchange rate continues to drop.

The price of rice, which is the principal staple article of food in Japan, has been raised thrice since November 1. Compared to the price at the corresponding time last year, the price at present is at least 27 sen higher, it is declared, per 10 kilogrammes. That is to say there is a difference of 27 sen per Yen. Moreover, all indications point to further increases in the price of rice.

In the case of meat also there has been a marked rise in price. This is attributable directly to the yen exchange rate in that Japan imports a large amount of meat from Tsingtao where payments are made in foreign currency.

There was a difference of 1 sen per pound for refined sugar on the local wholesale market compared with this time last month, but general retail stores have raised their prices much more than this. This is due to the high tariff, the low yen exchange rate and the reluctance of wholesellers to sell in view of their belief that prices will rise.

Coal prices, naturally, have risen as they always do at the time of the year, but even then the price at the end of the year is expected so be about 20 per cent higher than it was last year-end.

Clothing Too.

The price of clothing has also been marked by steady increases. As a result of the low yen exchange rate exports have increased tremendously and this has tended to raise general prices. For instance, in the case of rayon, prices have been raised several times during the past month. The total increase since October 22 has been at least twenty percent on the retail market, it is reported. As a matter of fact some of the retailers raised their prices further a few days ago and there is no telling how much higher prices of general daily apparel will be raised before the year-end.

In the case of silk textiles there has been a twenty percent increase in price since July. The price of some categories of silk textiles have risen more than twenty five per cent.

Department Stores.

The department stores have also felt the effects of rising prices. According to Mr. N. Kitada, a director of Mitsukoshi, department stores may be grouped into three classes. The first are made up of the very wealthy. This class is not concerned whether prices double or treble and will continue to buy what they need. The second group, made up of the middle classes, immediately feel the pinch of higher prices and have already shifted from imported goods to home-made products because of the lower prices. The last group, that is the third class, made up of the average purchaser, which is the most important group to the department stores, has been the most affected by the increase in prices. The department stores are all greatly concerned, according to Mr. Kitada, for the reason that it is plain the purchasing power of the third class of customers will be greatly diminished with the rise in general commodity prices.

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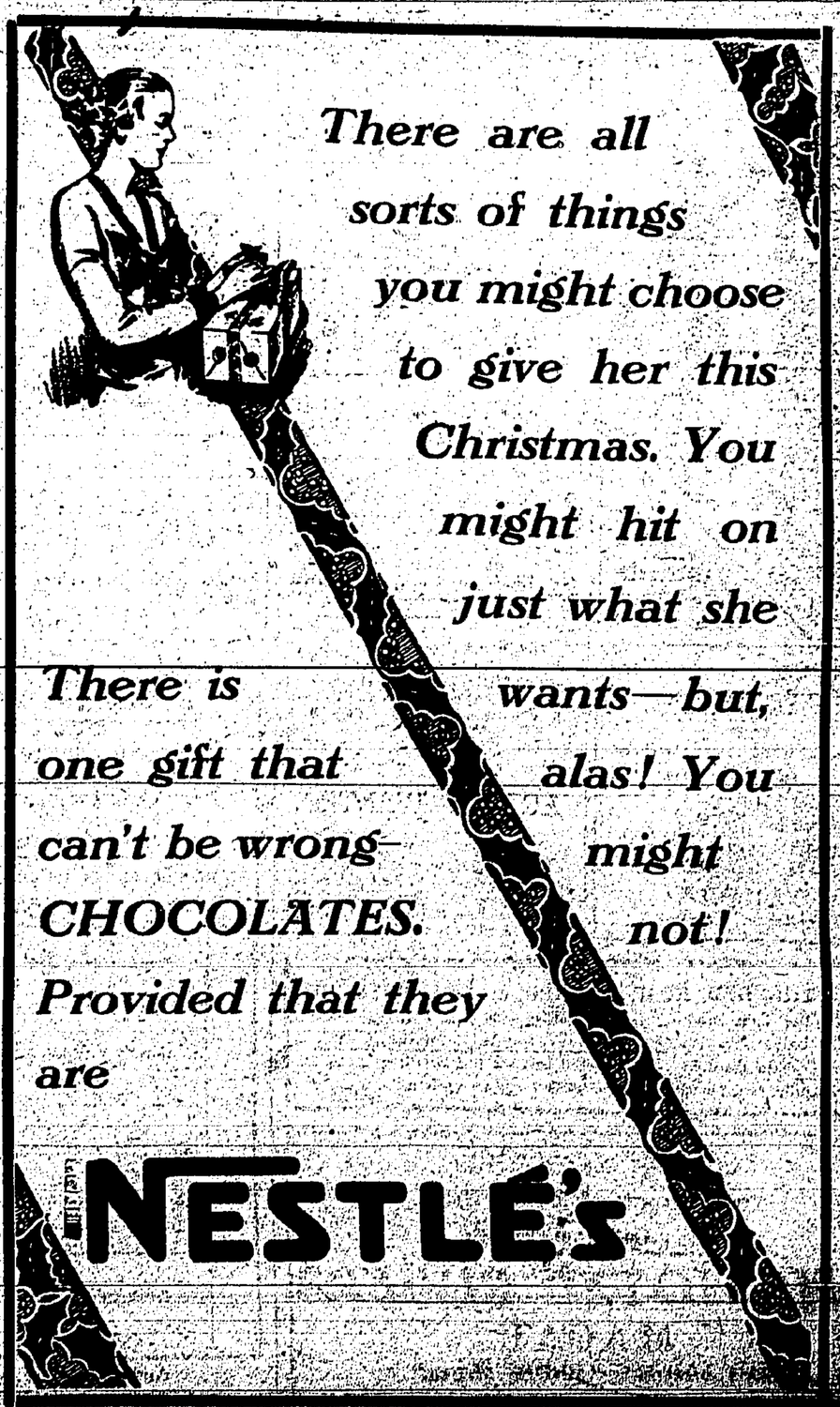

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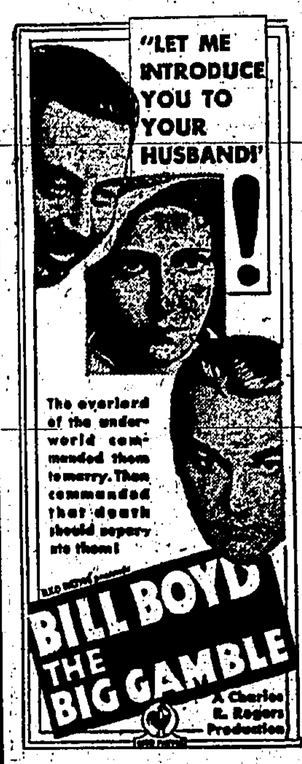

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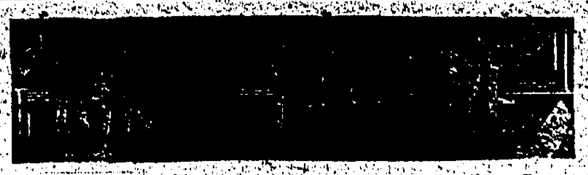

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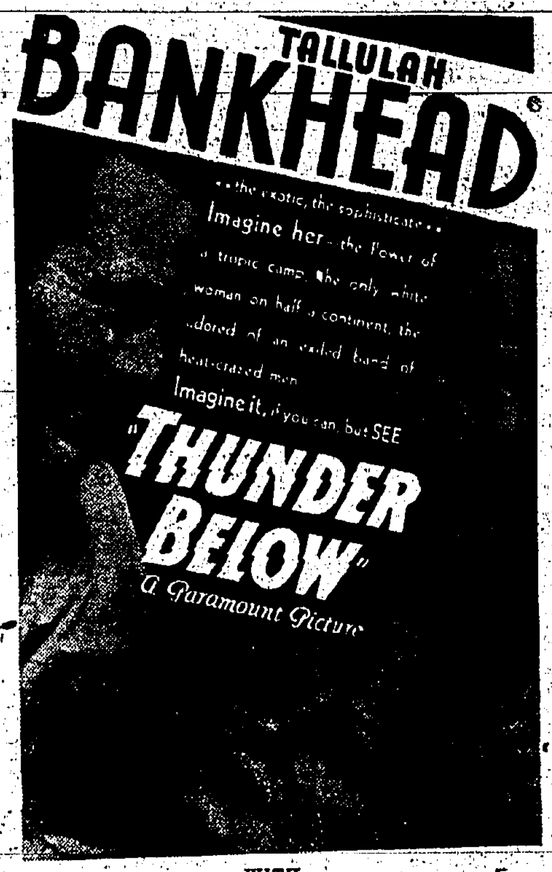

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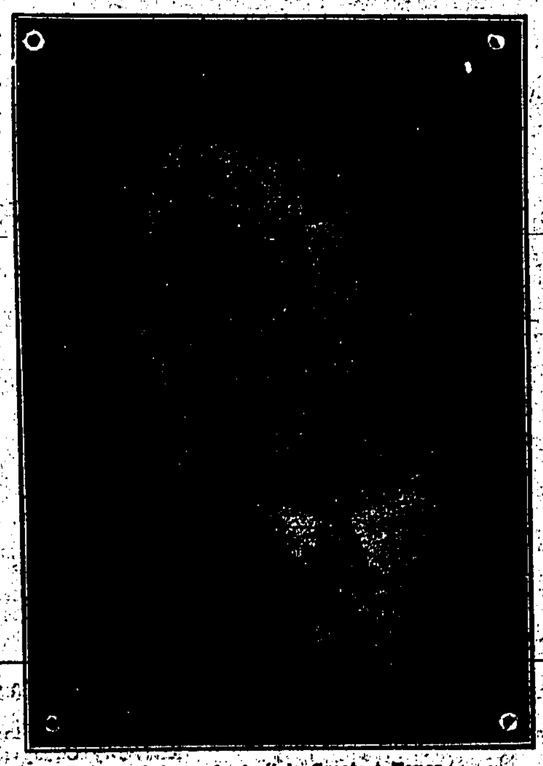

Priora: Australia's Greatest Tenor.

AUSTRALIAN TRIO AT KING'S

This act is acclaimed by the world's best critics as the finest of its kind, having been performed in every theatre of note in the world. No act has ever headlined the above trio. They have recently completed their fourth tour of Australia since the war, under the banner of the Tivoli theatre Union and Messrs. Heyts, and are now leisurely performing *en route* to England to complete many outstanding contracts.

Priora, of the trio, is considered Australia's greatest tenor and has had a vast experience with such managements as Schuberts (New York) in Operetta and Musical Comedy. Such is the versatility of this artist that he has toured Australia as leading tenor with the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company on two occasions. He has a voice of outstanding quality and power, and studied under the famous Duval of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Bertini, the Vagabond Violinist is world famous. He won two scholarships at the Leipzig Conservatorium under Professor Becker, and one at Brussels with Professor Ysays, he has seventeen letters to his name, viz.:—A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., L.A.B., R.C.M. (Leipzig) and R.C.M. (Brussels). He was a member of the Gwandhaus Orchestra under the great Nekisch for five years, and he played at the Wagner Festival at Bayreuth in the "Ring Des Neibelungen" under the guest Conductor Felix Weingartner, Richter and Nikisch.

Harry Story has graced every platform of note and is the essence of versatility. As a pianist he is a power, and an artist of outstanding personality. It was Harry Story who was the backbone of the famous "Thistles" Concert Party in France, being attached to the 51st Scottish Division. The work of this trio combines every branch of musical art from Grand Opera to buffoonery, and were recently honoured by the Shanghai Press as the greatest act to visit China since Harry Lauder. This act opens at the King's Theatre to-morrow, in conjunction with the Will Rogers latest Fox production "Business and Pleasure."

"THUNDER BELOW" AT THE KING'S

COMEDIAN'S 640TH PART

Eugene Pallette recently began his 640th motion picture *role* as one of the leading members of Tallulah Bankhead's supporting cast in "Thunder Below," which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

The present film comedian made his screen debut twenty-one years ago as a juvenile leading man. His lengthy record is well established in spite of the fact that he twice dropped out of pictures for periods of three years, the first time to enlist in the War and the second to try his luck in oil fields.

During the first seven years of his career, Pallette played in a different production every ten days. Among these early films was D. W. Griffith's first three-reeler, "How Hazel Got Even," with Dorothy Gish.

Palette was featured in the first all-taking picture, "The Lights of New York" and was one of the first actors under contract for talking film *roles* after the advent of sound.

"Thunder Below" is his twenty-eighth for Paramount, with which company he has achieved his most pronounced success as the comedy diversion which breaks the tension of high dramatics at just the right time and in the right way.

In "Thunder Below," which is now showing at the King's Theatre, Miss Bankhead plays the stellar *role* in a drama of alluring tropical settings and Charles Bickford and Paul Lukas carry the *roles* of emotional intensities, Pallette again has a part in which he turns on the laughs at just the right time to win his usual hearty audience approval.

TALKIE LANGUAGE PROBLEM

OPINION OF THE UFA CHIEF

Erich Pommer, the Ufa chief, who has been on a flying visit to London, said in the course of an interview:—

"I think definitely that Europe is in as strong a position as any power in the world for the making of films."

Mr. Pommer had come over to assemble an English cast for the last of the films Lilian Harvey is to make before she goes to America. It is not yet given a title.

"Europe is the only centre of film production," he said, "which has solved the language problem in talkies. Here, with English, French and German at our elbows, we can make pictures with half-dozen countries ready to absorb them.

"For ourselves, the European market is something new, which we have only just acquired. It is not as large as the American market, but it is big enough to give us our independence as producers."

This situation, which has been steadily developing since "Congress Dances" was produced, has more than a purely commercial significance.

It means that we of the Old World have come into our heritage as filmgoers. We can enjoy our own literature of the screen. If we want a picture about ourselves, about the French, about any nation in Europe, or any problem of our own, we can produce it with our own brains, our own directors,

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"BUSINESS AND PLEASURE"

WITH "PRESIDENT" WILL ROGERS

Every four years a well organized boom to place will Rogers, humorist and comedian in the White House is started. Rogers himself refuses to take the movement seriously, but so far as is know, he has never definitely registered disapproval of the idea.

His only comment, when asked point-blank if he would be a candidate, was a characteristic "Shucks!"

Rogers was first nominated for president four years ago by a nationally known humorous magazine. He entered into the spirit of the affair, and wrote the platform and contributed numerous wise-cracks to the campaign.

But in the last four years many persons have begun to consider such a plan seriously. Rogers' keen perception, his faculty for going right to the heart of a problem and solving it almost off hand, has made thousands wonder whether he wouldn't be an ideal national executive.

The Hollywood Citizen recently discussed the Rogers' presidential boom editorially, wondering if we could spare the great comedian for so mundane a job as president. The editorial reads, in part:

"We don't know how this campaign for Will Rogers for President strikes the humorist, but it strikes us as very interesting.

"The first question we would raise, though, is whether or not the country could afford to lose its leading humorist. Will Rogers, as President, wouldn't need to give up his sense of humor, but he would have to give up his job of entertaining the public with his humour. And it's a question whether he isn't worth more to the country in his present capacity than as President, even though he should make a good President."

FLOWERS AT HOLLYWOOD

INDOOR GARDEN FOR "EVERYTHING'S ROSIE"

Not industry alone, but horticulture too, shares in the big yearly business afforded by the film industry of Hollywood.

This is indicated in Radio Pictures' laughing hit, "Everything's Rosie," to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre starring Robert Woolsey.

A beautiful garden is seen through a cottage window. To make it, located as it was in the interior of a sound stage, more than 150 potted and tubbed plants and trees, ferns, flowers, shrubs, even potted young fruit trees, were used.

Thousands of these are bought yearly by the studio.

"Marry Me."

"Marry Me" is another of Gainsborough's cohort of "happy" talkies, which means that all the characters find excuses for singing throughout its progress.

Judging by this picture, life is not half so grey as income tax summonses and suddenly laddered silk stockings might possibly suggest to you.

The story in "Marry Me" is simple and wholesome. Ian Hunter is blind to the fact that what ever the attractions wielded by other more glamorous women he is in love with his business colleague, Renate Muller.

By way of making him jealous she becomes betrothed, through a matrimonial agency, to George Robey.

Of course, in the end, the jealousy thus planted in Hunter's manly heart brings him to realise that Renate is "the one girl in all the world."

An Ironic Thought.

It is an ironic thought, which New York has frequently voiced, that the talkies, which built the American road to prosperity, gave her a market with one hand and stole it away with the other. The first harvest was all American. Now it is all different.

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INSPECTORS WINNING CONFIDENCE OF POORER CLASSES

The Report of the Society for the Protection of Children repeats the information, gradually becoming known to all sections, of the state of object poverty in which a large section of the local working classes exist.

The Society dealt with 881 cases during the year ended October 31, 1932. The average income of the families concerned was $3.66 per head, and the Society drew as its poverty line, above which assistance could not be given an income of $4 per head per month.

A very satisfactory feature of the work has been the progress made by the Society's Inspectors in winning the confidence of the classes they help, and making them realise what the Society is able and willing to do.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday, December 22, at 5.30 p.m.

We give the following extracts from the Report:—

COOLIE CLASS CONDITIONS DESCRIBED

During the year under review there were reported to the Society eight hundred and eighty-one cases affecting the welfare of one thousand, six hundred and forty-eight children and only in an infinitesimal number of these cases was it found that the help of the Society was not genuinely required.

It was recognised that the employment of two additional Inspectors in the summer of 1931 and the division of the Colony into three Districts would be followed by an increase in the number of cases, but even those most conversant with the situation can hardly have anticipated that in a single year—and that virtually only the second year of the Society's effective life—the work would be almost trebled.

Of the three Districts' Western Hong Kong, with its old and crowded tenements, produced the highest number of cases—393, while Eastern Hong Kong and Kowloon produced 224 and 274 respectively.

Aid Being Asked.

In each District the Society has had the same experience. At first the cases have been found by the Inspectors in the course of visits to the poorer streets and to hospitals and clinics, and the parents have shown a tendency to ignore advice and to neglect to avail themselves of arrangements for medical treatment for ailing children, but gradually they have come to regard the Inspectors as friends and advisers. Thus during the past year the help of the Society has been invoked by members of the Public in 704 cases, and in by far the greater number of these it was the parents themselves who sought advice or aid.

The establishment of this confidence and friendly relationship is of immense importance and has resulted in the Inspectors being able to secure medical treatment for 517 children who through the ignorance of the parents might otherwise have lacked proper attention.

Acute Poverty.

The need for an organization willing and able to help the children of the very poor has again been all too clearly demonstrated by the amount of acute poverty which has been encountered.

On the whole of the 881 cases dealt with by the Society during the year the average monthly income per head was $2.62. The Western Hong Kong District showed an average of $2.19, the Eastern District one of $3.25 and Kowloon one of $2.28.

The difficulty, if not the impossibility, of providing food, clothing and lodging out of such meagre incomes is self evident.

For general purposes, including the decision of any question as to whether assistance should be given, the Society takes as a poverty line an income of $4 per head per month.

During the past year the Society has dealt with 119 cases in which there was no income whatsoever and 588 cases in which the income was at or below the above-mentioned poverty line.

As to the cause of this poverty it is sufficient here to say that it appears to be the result of the supply of unskilled manual labour exceeding the demand owing to the unlimited supply of such labour which is available by reason of the Colony's close proximity to China. The superfluity of labour naturally results in low wages and precarious employment.

The effects of such poverty require careful consideration. To a certain extent they are complicated by conditions which are probably peculiar to this Colony, and in particular by the housing problem.

Housing Conditions.

In his report for the year 1931 the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services points out that the portion of Victoria in which the working classes reside has an area of roughly two hundred acres, and that in this space nearly 200,000 individuals find accommodation, giving a density of approximately 1,000 persons per acre.

He says "In some houses there are tiers of bunks against the walls, in others the rooms are divided into cubicles or cabins, each measuring perhaps eight feet by eight feet and having partitions six feet in height. These cabins are not the temporary abode of persons on a voyage but the more or less permanent homes of the people. There is little or no room for kitchens, and latrine accommodation is often limited to pail-closets on the roofs of the buildings."

The great demand for accommodation in the congested districts makes for high rents and it is found that in Western Victoria the cost of a bed space, taken on the average of 250 cases, works out at $3.05 per month. The average cost of a cubicle would be approximately double this figure. In Kowloon the rents are slightly lower, but it will be noted that the incomes also are lower.

Having regard to their low incomes it is not surprising to find that in 510 cases the families concerned were not able to afford such a luxury as a cubicle, and had to content themselves with bedspaces.

In scores of cases the Inspectors' reports bore the words "Living in semi-darkness. No ventilation."

With such living conditions one could not hope to find immunity from disease, and with the added factor of semistarvation it is not surprising to find that disease was an element in 597 of the 881 cases reported.

Infant Mortality.

Your Committee deplores the high rate of infantile mortality disclosed by the Annual Report of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services for the Year 1931.

The number of Chinese births registered as having occurred during the year was 12,056 and the number of deaths of infants under one year was 7,442.

Owing to the failure to register births the infantile mortality rate of 617.42 per thousand disclosed by the above figures must be regarded as exaggerated, but it is undoubtedly very high indeed and in all probability considerably exceeds 500 per thousand.

When one considers that the infantile mortality rate for children of non-Chinese race in the Colony is only 61.5 per thousand it seems obvious that the high rate among the Chinese cannot be attributed to climatic causes but must be due to the unhealthily congested conditions under which the Chinese poor live, and to the lack of proper food and attention.

Burden on the Mothers.

There is no doubt that in a great number of cases an immediate result of poverty is that the mother does not herself have enough food and consequently is unable sufficiently to nourish her infant child.

In many cases the mother is the principal, if not the only, wage earner, and cannot without disastrous effects on the family income remain at home and feed her baby. In such cases two alternatives present themselves. The child must neither be left in the care of another during the daytime, or must be taken by the mother when she goes to work. The first alternative involves ordinarily a payment of ten cents a day (which is probably one-third of the woman's earnings) and as most of the mothers are of the coolie class the second alternative involves the child being exposed in health or sickness alike to the Summer's heat and rains and the Winter's cold.

It is a striking fact that in Kowloon where the poverty is most acute the proportion of deaths among children of under one year is the highest.

In considering the above figures it has to be borne in mind that the cases which are brought to the Society's notice are mainly those of the children of the very poorest of the poor and that in a very high percentage of the cases the Society is consulted because the child is already ill.

Society's Success.

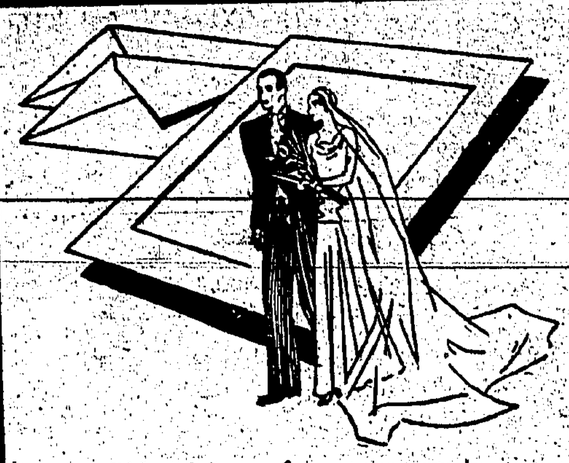
One cannot formulate an infantile mortality rate on the above figures, but taking the figures for the past two years it is safe to say that in the Society's cases the rate has been less than one-third of the rate shown in the report of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

We stress this point because it seems to indicate most clearly that any movement in the direction of ensuring that every child secures all necessary medical attention and food is the surest means of reducing the Colony's truly appalling infantile mortality rate.

The establishment of additional Infant Welfare Clinics with creches where working mothers could leave their children would be an inestimable boon to the poor and would be the means of saving many lives.

Your Committee desires to emphasize that the Society does not indiscriminately give assistance. No relief is granted unless investigation of the income of the family and all the circumstances of the case show this to be essential for the preservation of life or health. It is not and never will be the policy of the Society to relieve parents of their responsibilities; on the contrary, it is the policy of the Society to ensure that parental duties are properly performed.

In the vast majority of cases the need for help is self-evident, and help could not in common humanity be refused.



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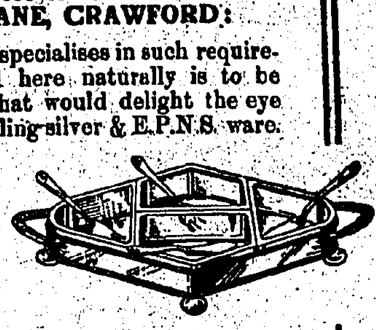

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CASE No. 1. $48.00.	CASE No. 2. $52.00.	CASE No. 3. $60.00
1 Bot. Clos Royal (Sparkling)	1 Bot. Chateau Ferrand Royal Extra Dry Champagne.	3 Bots. Ayala Vintage Champagne.
1 " Rouyer Guillet *** Brandy.	1 " St. Julien Claret.	1 Bot. Margaux Claret.
1 " Medoc Claret.	1 " Castle "C" Sherry.	1 " Rikki's Fine Old Brown Sherry.
1 " French Vermouth.	1 " Hennessy's ***** Brandy.	1 " Robertson's Privateer Port.
1 " Invalid Sherry.	1 " French Vermouth.	1 " Castle "C" Port.
1 " Old Tom Gin.	1 " Italian Vermouth.	1 " Italian Vermouth.
1 " Watson's "E" Whisky.	1 " Burnett's London Dry Gin.	1 " Burnett's London Dry Gin.
1 " Curacao M.B.B.	1 " Watson's "E" Whisky.	1 " "E" Fine Old Brown Brandy.
2 Bots. White Wine (Graves)	1 " Dewar's White Label Whisky.	1 " Dewar's White Label Whisky.
2 " Castillo Port.	1 " Get Freres Peppermint.	1 " Dewar's Victoria Vat Whisky.
	2 Bots. Oporto Blanco Port.	1 " Hennessy Three Star Brandy.

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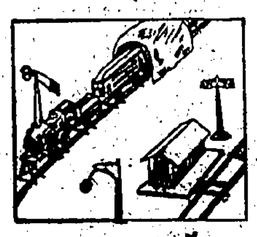

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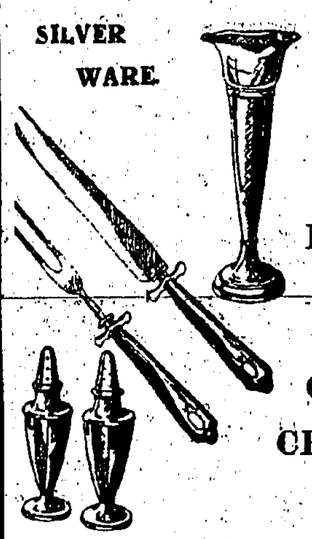

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SALE OF AUBURN CAR

CLAIM AND COUNTER CLAIM SUCCEED

JUDGMENT DELIVERED BY PUISNE JUDGE

The claim by the Asiatic Motor Car Company against Mr. A. Sander and the counter claim by Mr. Sander against the plaintiff all arising out of the sale of an Auburn motor car, were both dealt with by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) yesterday when he gave judgment in the case.

His Lordship said:—The plaintiffs on April 30, 1932, sold a motor car to the defendant. The sale was at a price reached after bargaining between the parties. The price agreed upon was $5,000. Of this sum $4,000 was paid before the present hearing. The plaintiffs are here for the balance of the price—$1,000. The plaintiffs' claim has been admitted.

The defendant has counter-claimed for damages for breach of warranty. The parties have come to trial upon the counterclaim.

The plaintiffs are agents for the Auburn Automobile Company of America. Throughout the negotiations for sale one car only—a specific article—was under consideration. It was offered for sale on the 18th April and the bargain was finally closed upon April 30, when the car was sold. The car was an Auburn Automobile Company's "Custom Sedan" car (1931 model).

Verbal Warranty.

The first warranty—a warranty of quality—on which the defendant relies, was verbal. Before the bargain was closed the defendant asked the plaintiffs' saleman (one Tse Tin Yau) in English "Is this the latest model?" The salesman replied "Yes." On the faith of this assurance the defendant decided to buy the car.

"The Latest Model."

It has been submitted that even if this conversation took place there has been here no misrepresentation of quality because the Auburn Automobile Company have reproduced their "Custom Sedan" car (1931 model) as their "Standard" car (1932 model). The representation was therefore (it is submitted) true in substance and in fact. I do not accept this contention. The car sold was in fact a car which left the Auburn Automobile Company's factory as a "1931" car. In the plaintiffs' bill dated May and presented to the defendant the car was described as "Custom Sedan." The representation was, in my opinion, to the effect that the car sold was the latest model in the market of the Auburn "Custom Sedan" car. The latest model of this type was the "1932" model. The plaintiffs sold such a car in the Colony between April 15 and April 28.

The defendant evidently knew very little about cars. His only anxiety was to obtain the most up to date car of its type.

Breach of Warranty.

It is not necessary to find that the warranty was a falsehood on the part of the plaintiff's agent; but I think it was clearly false to his knowledge. The car is not of the quality that it was represented to be. The plaintiff company is in breach of its warranty. The appropriate measure of damages for this breach is the difference between the value of the article sold with the defect warranted against and the value which it would have borne without that defect, or to use the language of the Ordinance "The difference between the value of the

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FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB HOLD SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION

St. Andrew's Club held its annual Fancy Dress Carnival at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, when a large gathering of merry dancers, adorned in various styles of fancy dress, danced, played games, and made the function its usual success.

The hall was gaily decorated with streamers and flowers, and the music was provided by Mickey's Melody Makers.

goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if they had answered to a warranty." No additional damages have been suggested.

In applying this principle I find no guidance from the price actually paid for the article here sold.

Effect of the New Model.

Evidence has been given that on the introduction of a new annual model into the market, the market value of the previous model is reckoned in the motor trade to fall by 10 per cent. The new "1932" model of the manufacture under consideration arrived in the local market on April 15, 1932. It seems therefore to me in assessing comparative values as upon the April, 30, 1932, reasonable to reduce the original value of the earlier model by 10 per cent.

Taking the list prices of the two cars (with their extra equipment) that is G$1,556.00 for the 1932 model and G$1,506.00 for the 1931 model,—reducing the amount in the case of the earlier car by 10 per cent, doing a substraction sum, and converting the difference from American to local currency at the rate of exchange prevailing upon the date of the sale (namely 22-5/8), I assess damages under this head at $887 and adjudge that the defendant is entitled to recover this sum on his counterclaim.

Perfect Running Condition.

The second warranty relied upon by the defendant was to the effect that the car was "in perfect running condition and without any defects." This warranty was given verbally at the time of the sale, was reduced to writing two days later and was then confirmed. As damages for the alleged breach of this warranty the defendant claims to recover the cost of a re-alignment of the front wheels by the Getz Motor Service Station on July 11 and also the cost of re-grinding valves by the Man Lee Company upon October 31. As to the first item evidence has been given that this work is a normal adjustment in a new car and is indeed a recurring necessity. As to the second item the car in July passed through the hands of the Getz Motor Service Station, the manager of that firm being an efficient motor engineer, without advice being given to remedy any defect in the valves. I find therefore that the evidence has shown no breach of this second warranty.

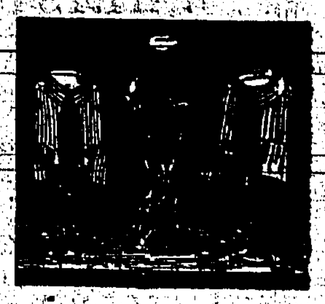
Both claim and counterclaim succeed.

I give judgment for the plaintiff company for the claim of $1,000, and for the defendant company upon the counterclaim for the sum of $887.

The defendant will pay all costs to be properly allotted to the claim and the plaintiff company will pay all other costs.

On the application of Mr. Rendall, solicitor for the Asiatic Motor Car Company, a stay of seven days was allowed by the Court, Mr. Rendall intimating that he would like to argue on the question of costs.

Gold Standard Quality.



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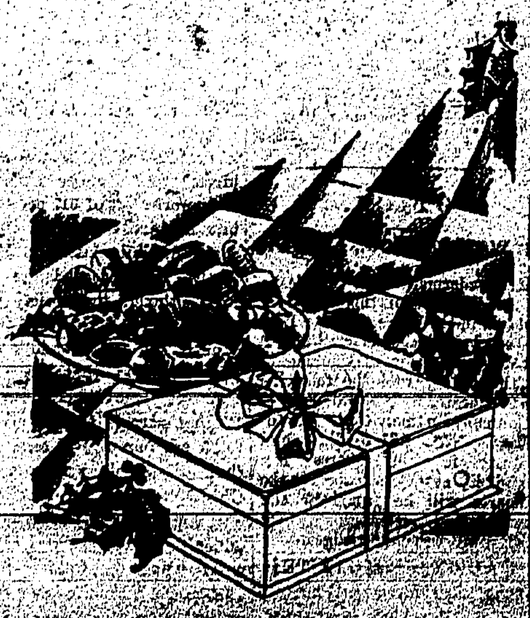

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W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar,
15th December, 1932. [2899

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, HONG KONG.

ANNUAL BALL, 1933.

MEMBERS are reminded that it is proposed to hold the above function on 6th January, 1933.

It will prove of considerable assistance to the Secretaries if lists of guests are sent as soon as possible to their offices, Gloucester Building.

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NOTICE.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 31st day of December, 1932, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1932, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 24th December, 1932, until Saturday, 14th January, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th December, 1932.
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NOTICE.

SALE BY TENDER.

AT the ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE DEPOT, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG, a quantity of obsolete and unserviceable Government Stores consisting of TENTAGE, OLD METALS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, BLANKETS, MOSQUITO NETTING, WIRELESS STORES, CORDAGE, HARNESS, ETC., ETC.

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NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
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THE CERTIFICATE dated 27th September, 1883, for One Share $30 Paid-up Numbered 9690 in this Company standing in the Name of HOP CHUN of Foochow has been declared LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the Said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Said Share will be issued in its stead by the Company.

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 14th December, 1932.
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NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE undermentioned Certificates for 75 shares in this Company, registered in the name of Chow Peng deceased, have been declared LOST. If at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the following shares certificates be not produced to the Company, namely Certificate for 25 shares No. 56105/56129 and Certificate for 50 shares No. 56180/56229, new Certificates for the said shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter NO OTHERS will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED
Hongkong, 28th November, 1932.
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ASSORTED CASES FOR CHRISTMAS, 1932.

CASE NO. 1 - - $45.00

1 Bot. Cloe Royal (Sparkling).
1 „ Rouyer Guillet "Three Star" Brandy.
1 „ Medoc Claret.
1 „ French Vermouth.
1 „ Invalid Sherry.
1 „ Old Tom Gin.
1 „ Watson's "E" Whisky.
1 „ Curacao M.B.R.
2 Bots. White Wine (Graves).
2 „ Castillo Port.

CASE NO. 2 - - $52.00

1 Bot. Gustave Ferrand Royal Extra Dry Champagne.
1 „ St. Julien Claret.
1 „ Castle "G" Sherry.
1 „ Renault's "Five Star" Brandy.
1 „ French Vermouth.
1 „ Italian Vermouth.
1 „ Burnett's London Dry Gin.
1 „ Watson's "E" Whisky.
1 „ Dewar's White Label Whisky.
1 „ Get Freres Peppermint.
2 Bots. Oporto Blanco Port.

CASE NO. 3 - - $60.00

2 Bots. Ayala Vintage Champagne.
1 Bot. Margaux Claret.
1 „ Ruin's Fine Old Brown Sherry.
1 „ Robertson's Privateer Port.
1 „ Castle 84 Port.
1 „ Italian Vermouth.
1 „ Burnett's London Dry Gin.
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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 17, 1932.

HONG KONG'S GREATEST PROBLEM

IT may cause some of us an uneasy qualm to learn that a large proportion of the population of this Colony lives on an income of under $4 per month. That sum represents the "poverty line" above which the Society for the Protection of Children, extracts from whose report appear in this issue, feels itself unable to render assistance in relief of want. We all know that the Chinese coolie class is able to live, and and live well, for a tiny sum and that for them prices are incredibly lower than what Europeans pay for similar commodities. It is also true that the class in question is accustomed to an extremely low standard of living and is neither discontented nor uncomfortable under these circumstances. Up-country, things are often worse, and at least in Hong Kong there is peace and security against brigands, floods and famines.

When all allowances are made it is impossible to say that conditions are satisfactory. There is conclusive evidence of a kind that sweeps aside any such assumption. We refer to the rate of infantile mortality. The official figures are 12,055 births and 7,442 deaths per annum. This works out of 617 per thousand, but as births are not always registered, while deaths perforce have to be, the actual figure may be lower, though the Society places it at considerably over 500 per thousand. The Report adds:—"When one considers that the infantile mortality rate for children of non-Chinese race in the Colony is only 61.25 per thousand it seems obvious that the high rate among the Chinese cannot be attributed to climatic causes but must be due to unhealthy congested conditions under which the Chinese poor live and to the lack of proper food and attention.

In the past the attitude of the European community has been that it is hopeless to try and shoulder the burden of China, and the Government, though with certain twinges of conscience, has shaped its policy on that basis. In social problems, however, precedent and tradition are bad guides because circumstances change. The tightening of the housing and sanitary regulations show that at the present time the Government by no means adopt a *laissez faire* attitude towards these problems, and the Society for the Protection of Children has for its chief supporter the Government, whose grant is to be increased to $5,000 in the forthcoming year. The Colonial Secretary in his budget speech, further announced that he was prepared to ask the Council to vote a subsidy on a dollar for dollar basis, or even higher. No clearer indication could be given of the local Government's confidence in the Society and of its appreciation of the gravity of the problem. The list of the contributors and of the officials, shows the attitude both of Civil Servants and of leading members of the Chinese community. The problem is not merely one of sentiment. From the public policy point of view little or no concern need be felt regarding those who can obtain a family income of $10 per head, per month. Below that level the consequent standard of living becomes a matter of public interest, in which the welfare and prestige of the Colony are involved. In the first place there is the danger of epidemics. This is too evident to need stressing. The attitude of the Public Health Department is clearly shown in the report of the Director of Medical Services, which warns us that past immunity carries no assurance of safety in the future. Again, even if the human aspect be eliminated, the financial losses that accompany an epidemic, owing to quarantine, and a variety of other causes, are a serious matter. The second consideration is that the efforts of the Building and Health Departments to raise the standard of health and cleanliness, and to preserve the value of house property, are completely nullified by the continuance of an extreme pauper class. Thirdly, distress and misery, alongside wealth and magnificence, are a fertile soil for political agitation, not only of a communistic nature. The police are active, loyal and vigilant, but,

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the Chinese aptitude for subterranean intrigue cannot be overlooked. The peacefulness of the Colony and the absence of crime are apt to blind us to what is happening in the Far East and also to the significance of several incidents in this place.

The problem is not one for sentimental approach, but for careful investigation and expert consideration. Very likely the best solution is by no means one that would commend itself to the conventional humanitarian. To suggest remedies which have not been subjected to examination is to do harm and not good, the first step is to acquaint people with the existence and the nature of the problem and to convince the whole community that here is a matter which is the direct concern of each one of us, even if regarded solely from the utilitarian standpoint.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY
(December 17).

Sport.

Cricket:—First Division: Royal Navy v. Indian R.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.); Army v. University (F.); Public Works Department v. Sanitary Department (Civil Service C.C. ground). Second Division: Indian R.C. v. Navy (L.); Club de Recreio v. Police (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); University v. Royal Engineers and Signals (F.).

Football:—First Division: St. Joseph's v. Club; Recreio v. Police; Kowloon v. Lincolns. Second Division: St. Joseph's v. Eastern; South China v. Kowloon; Navy v. Eyo; Royal Artillery v. Club. Third Division: Recreio v. Radio Sports; University v. Royal Engineers; South China v. Royal Air Force; S.W. Borderers v. R.A.S.C.

Hockey:—Mamak Tournament: Wishart v. "Incognitos" (Naval ground), 4 p.m.; Radio Sports v. Veteran (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.; Caer Clark Cup, St. Andrew's v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club; Y.M.C.A. v. Club de Recreio.

Rugby:—Triangular Tournament: Hong Kong Rugby Club v. Navy (Happy Valley).

Yachting:—Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Menagerie Race.

Theatres.

Majestic: "June Moon." Central: "Born to Love." King's: "Thunder Below." Queen's: "The Call of the Sea." Oriental: "Sporting Chance." Star: "Lord Babs."

Dances.

Tea Dances:—Hong Kong hotel, Majestic Dancing Academy and King's Restaurant. Dinner Dances: King's Restaurant, Peninsula, Hong Kong and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Miscellaneous.

H.K. University Medical Society Dinner and Dance, Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel.

Principal Mails.

Outward:—America and Europe *via* Siberia by Tantalus 10 a.m.; Europe *via* Suez by Ranpura, 10.30 a.m. Inward: America by President Jefferson.

SUNDAY
(December 18).

Sport.

Golf:—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship (final), M. W. Budd v. A. B. Stewart; Kowloon Golf Club Championship (semi-finals).

Hockey:—Mamak Tournament: St. Andrew's v. Medway (Marina), 4 p.m.

Hunting:—Fanling Hunt Hounds Meet (Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads), 3.15 p.m.

Yachting:—Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Third Championship Race (Cruisers).

Theatres.

Queen's: "Everything's Rosie." Oriental: "Million Dollar Legs." Majestic: "Amateur Daddy." King's: "Business and Pleasure." Star: "Silver Horde." Central: "Big Gamble."

Dances.

Tea Dances:—Repulse Bay and Hong Kong Hotels, Majestic Dancing Academy and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments:—Symphonic Concert, Peninsula Hotel, 8.45 p.m.

★ News and Views ★

America Finds Out!

According to an eminent American, Mr. Walter N. Thayer, "Crime is lessened in direct proportion to the certainty of detection and celerity of trial and conviction."

Brotherly Love!

Miss X (who has gently but firmly rejected an offer of marriage): What do you want, the waiter for!

Mr. Y: To alter my order. If I've got to look on you as "just a sister," that lunch is going to be a fifty cents snack.

Reclamation Causes Quakes.

The series of earth tremors which rocked the Netherlands, Belgium and Western Germany during the past few weeks were caused, according to a report by the Netherlands Seismographical Institute, by a disturbance of the balance of the water pressure brought about by the reclamation of a large part of the Zuyder Zee.

Old and Super-New.

One of the features of the Chicago World's Fair will be a great Maya temple. It reproduces the temple at Uxmal, Yucatan, built more than 1,000 years ago by the most enlightened aborigines of North America. The original was generations in building; the duplicate goes up in 60 days. With electric cutting tools the grotesque head of a Mayan god can be turned out in a few hours; but the original Maya, who did not even know how to harden copper, spent a lifetime in bringing a face or a column into form.

Princess in Paris.

A subtle question of women's rights is being argued in a Paris court. Some time ago a young woman of good family took a seat on a café terrace and ordered a glass of beer. The waiter informed her that beer was not being served. She thereupon asked for a cup of coffee. This also the waiter said was not being served.

On asking in bewilderment what was being served, she learned that the waiter had instructions not to serve any woman whose face was "made up" and who was sitting on the Café terrace alone. The young woman indignantly protested that she was merely waiting there for a relative and strongly resented the suggestion that she might have been confused with those young people who wait for anybody.

When her relative arrived he demanded and received an apology. He was also informed that the café in question, in common with several others, had made a firm rule to the effect that the waiter had stated.

The only "make-up" which the aggrieved young woman's pretty face bore was a touch of lipstick and a little pencil on her eyebrows. This, however, it appears, was sufficient to transgress the rules of the café.

Both she and the member of her family who met her are now suing the café proprietor for £80 as damages for a public insult.

Homer's "Odyssey" in French.

Ten thousand sheep have been killed to provide for a new edition in French of Homer's "Odyssey," comprising 100 sets of four volumes entirely printed on and bound in vellum. The total cost of the edition, will be about £24,000.

Gold leaf and platinum are used for decoration in the printing, and all the books have been subscribed for in advance.

Perfumed Pages.

The day is not very distant, says a London *Times* leader, when newspapers will recommend themselves not solely because of their news or views or powers of general invective, but by their perfume. The printing of publications on perfumed paper with perfumed inks is envisaged.

The smell must meet the occasion, and papers that expect to be propped up against tea pots, in honourable proximity to bacon and eggs, must take great care not to clash. And it must not be forgotten that though papers are bought to be read they remain to wrap in particular vegetables and fish.

It would be folly for a newspaper so to scent itself that it would be disqualified for these humble functions.

Wrote With Her Tongue.

A woman who could read and write with her tongue when the other muscles in her body were paralysed has just died after spending thirty years in a hospital in England. She was Miss Beate Anderson, who, although blind and dumb, carried on correspondence by Braille.

Developed to the last degree of sensitiveness, her tongue passed over the raised dots that represent letters to the blind and helped her to read books and letters. With a fine needle held in her lips and pressed against thick paper by her tongue, she was able to write her answers by the same Braille system.

Another of her accomplishments was to thread beads with her tongue and lips.

Hard Luck on Hearty Mariners.

It is perfectly true that an anti-rolling device for ships will be a great boon for travellers (provided that it does not involve compensatory pitching), yet it would be a mistake to assume that it will be of universal acceptance. In fact, the ship which does not roll will be exceedingly unpopular with those "hearty" passengers who take great joy in their own immunity from the seasickness of their fellows. There may be no producer man on earth than he who, after a cruise or a voyage, can tell as many people as possible how fearfully rough it was and how he and the captain were the only ones who dined in the saloon on such and such a day. The very thought of some hundreds of sea-green sufferers fills him with "splendid summer and perfume and pride"—the perfume being that of the cigar which he smoked on the boat deck, he alone with wind and sea.

15,000 Japanese for Brazil.

The number of Japanese emigrants to South America has been more than doubted this year. Against 5,462 for last year, this year's total will reach 15,000. The

The number of Japanese emigrants to Brazil for the present year will be the Buenos Aires-maru, sailing from Kobe on the 19th instant. The marked increase is partly due to the fact that with a view to encouraging emigrations, the Department of Overseas Affairs has granted this year Y50 extra per head, in addition to the passage money of Y200; hitherto allowed.

The Women Blamed.

It is the "flapper vote" which is the cause of Great Britain's difficulties. That view, expressed by an American Professor and a Senator, was cited in Paris by M. Henri de Korillis, a French journalist, who discussed the problems of "feminine preponderance" with these two authorities.

The substance of their views, he says, was:—"There would be less crime, less brigandage, less waste, less disorder, if, instead of taking to politics and sociology, the woman took more thought of her duty to her family and her *rôle* of wife and mother.

"Women run to extremes, and it is, above all, to women that we owe the great mistake of Prohibition in America. When, 20 years hence, there are more women than men the question will arise whether we ought to hand over to them, by universal suffrage, the effective rule of our country.

"In a great civilisation it must be the male, the creative element, that dominates. Matriarchal civilisations only produced the elementary society of the first ages of mankind."

Taxes Without Tears.

"I heard a very warm debate between two professors about the most commodious and effectual ways and means of raising money without grieving the subject.

The first affirmed, 'the justest method would be to lay a certain tax upon vices and folly, and the sum fixed upon every man to be rated, after the fairest manner, by a jury of his neighbours.'

The second was of an opinion directly contrary: 'To tax those qualities of body and mind for which men chiefly value themselves; the rate to be more or less according to the degrees of excelling, the decision whereof should be left entirely to their own heart.'

The highest tax was upon men who are the greatest favourites of the other sex. Wit, valour and politeness were likewise proposed to be largely taxed.

But as to honour, justice, wisdom and learning, they should not be taxed at all, because they are qualifications of so singular a kind, that no man will either allow them in his neighbour, or value them in himself. *Gulliver's Travels. Swift.* 1726.

■ Local and General ■

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Thursday.

Mr. C. Austin left Shanghai on December 13 by the C.N. s.s. Soochow for Hong Kong.

Sir John Hope Simpson, accompanied by the Rev. G. Findlay Andrew, has returned to Shanghai from Hankow.

The Bankers' Co-operative Credit Service, Shanghai, has removed its offices to the Bankers' Club, 4, Hong Kong Road.

On Thursday night, the police turned out the Emergency Squad in answer to a call from the Majestic Cabaret, where a free fight was reported in progress. The affair, however, must have been brief as the brawl was over when the police arrived.

The clever Australian artiste sisters, Misses Layne and Marie Maye, who have had an exceedingly gratifying reception at the Peninsula Hotel are concluding their engagement to-night. When they will give their farewell performance in the Rose Room.

Found holding conversation with a prisoner in the cells of the West Point Police Station, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday on a charge of trespassing was fined $20. The defendant claimed that he had gone for bail for the prisoner and was talking with him about the money.

The Hong Kong dollar opened at 1s. 2¼d. yesterday but dropped during the day to 1s. 2⅛d.

H.M.S. Devonshire, cruiser, Captain D. B. Le-mottee, arrived at Shanghai last week from Hong Kong, and is berthed at the British Naval Buoys. She has relieved H.M.S. Cornwall as Guardship at Shanghai.

The management of the Hong Kong Hotel advises that owing to reservation of the Roof Garden for the Hong Kong University Medical Society's special dinner party the Chinese Restaurant will not be available to patrons to-night.

Because the prosecution was not in a position to say what game was in progress, six men, including four messengers or coolies employed at the Colonial Secretary's Office, who were charged with gambling in the compound of the P.W.D. in Lower Albert Road, were all discharged. A seventh man who failed to appear in Court had his bail of $3 estreated.

The first "winter shelter" operated by the Nantao Charitable Organisations Federation was opened in the Tsaochow Residents' Guild, near the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Station, last Saturday morning when no fewer than 1,000 homeless people were taken in. These people who are provided with quarters and three meals a day free of charge through the winter season. More of such "shelters" are to be opened by the Federation shortly.

Dr. Stanley Jones will give a lecture to the University Christian Association to-day at 9 a.m. at the Union Assembly Room. All are cordially invited.

The *Kokumin* says that the Japanese Foreign Office has decided to ask the Throne for the conferment of the First Class Order of Merit on Dr. Thomas Baty, in recognition of his meritorious services. It is unprecedented that a foreign adviser to the Japanese Government should be honoured with such a high order.

A Chinese who was arrested in Wellington Barracks, by Private Ardell, South Wales Borderers, was sentenced to seven weeks' hard labour by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday for stealing a pair of trousers and 6½ socks belonging to Gunner Cole, a belt belonging to Gunner F. Forbes, Royal Artillery, and a pair of socks belonging to Gunner Cole, Royal Artillery and of trespassing.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony by the s.s. Ranchi was Colonel M. S. Irani, I.M.S., late Acting Surgeon General to the Government of Bombay, who is proceeding to Shanghai on a short tour of China. Colonel Irani is a Parsee and has travelled extensively all over the world, particularly in Persia, Mesopotamia and Arabia. He is a big game hunter and is reputed to have shot twenty-four tigers in the Bombay Presidency and the United Provinces. He is also a keen student of Persian archæology.

SECRECY AT GENEVA

OVER RESOLUTION REGARDING MANCHURIA

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

GENEVA, Dec. 15.

THE Committee of Nineteen has approved the text of a resolution, the text of which has not yet been published.

It is understood that it suggests that the Committee of Nineteen act as a Conciliation Commission with Chinese and Japanese representatives. They will possibly also invite the United States and the Soviets to co-operate.

A CONCILIATION COMMITTEE

GENEVA, Dec 16.

That secrecy is surrounding the proceedings is shown by the fact that all copies of the resolution adopted yesterday by the Committee of Nineteen were counted and locked up after the meeting.

It is understood the Committee propose they should act as a conciliation committee with Chinese and Japanese collaboration. This committee will have six months in which to submit its reports to the League. Dr. W. W. Yen has urged this point for several months, considering that if conciliation fails within the given time the Committee should present a report possibly recommending the sanctions.

The methods of conciliation envisaged in chapters IX. and X of the Lytton Report will be given every opportunity to succeed.

Not to Express Opinion.

The Committee of Nineteen has decided not to express any opinion on the merits of the dispute in order not to prejudge the issue, but reaffirming the resolution adopted on March 11, not recognising the changes effected in the violation of the Covenant. This order will satisfy the smaller States who reluctantly abandoned the recommendation not to recognise the Manchukuo.

The Assembly will probably debate on the resolution on Monday or Tuesday after which it is expected the whole issue will be postponed till 1933.

RADIO TELEPHONE TO GENEVA

EQUIPMENT BEING INSTALLED AT NANKING

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 16.

RADIO telephonic communication between Nanking and Geneva is expected shortly, as the necessary equipment is being installed here for the use of the Government in communicating with the Chinese delegates to the League.

TO HELP UNEMPLOYED GARDNERS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

TO ENCOURAGE the provision of seeds and tools for unemployed allotment holders, the Government is making a grant of £10,000, on a basis of pound for pound, against contributions from other sources in aid of the scheme organised by the Society of Friends.

FINANCE PROBLEM OF INDIA

VISIT TO BANK OF ENGLAND

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

THE Committee on Financial Safeguards of the India Round Table Conference held its first meeting to-day.

After the opening of the discussion, representatives of British India and the Indian States on the Committee visited the Bank of England and discussed with the Governor and other leading representatives of the City of London questions connected with the financial position and credit of India.

The Committee resumes to-morrow.

CANADIAN PREMIER IN LONDON

RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY THE KING

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

THE Canadian Premier, Mr. R. B. Bennett, had an audience of the King to-day and also attended a meeting of the Privy Council.

LOANS MADE BY GREAT BRITAIN

MORATORIUM TO BE GRANTED TO BORROWERS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the course of an answer to a Commons question regarding funding agreements in respect of loans made by Great Britain to other governments since 1918, said the amounts now owed on account of loans made by Britain for relief and reconstruction were

Belgian Reconstruction Loan £9,000,000.

Belgian Congo Loan £3,600,000, and relief loans as follows

Austria £8,825,000,
Poland £4,007,000,
Roumania £2,101,000,
Yugoslavia £1,945,000,
Esthonia £219,000.

All these loans were made for productive purposes and were, therefore, analogous to commercial loans and not to war debts.

Payments were suspended under the terms of the Hoover Moratorium and further suspension after the end of the Hoover year has been agreed to in view of the financial difficulties with which the countries concerned are at present confronted.

Fiduciary Issue.

The London Chamber of Commerce to-day addressed a letter to the Prime Minister in which it urged that the fiduciary issue should be raised so as to offset the £18,750,000 in gold paid to the United States to-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, dealing with suggestions on this line, pointed out that during last night's debt payment debate the fiduciary issue could only be raised by the Treasury on a representation from the Bank of England.

No such representation had been made and he considered that it was essential not to give the impression abroad that they were careless about their reserves of gold or wanted to conceal anything of what was taking place.

Taxation Comparisons.

In another written Parliamentary answer the Chancellor of Exchequer states that the latest estimates of taxation per head of population in the leading countries are:—Britain, £16.8.0; France 1,176 francs; United States (Federal taxation) 24 dollars 82 cents; Germany (Federal taxation) 115 Reichmarks; Italy, 428 Lire.

PARLIAMENT TO ADJOURN

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

PARLIAMENT will adjourn for Christmas on Thursday next, reassembling on February 7.

LATEST B.B.C. CHANGES

NEW GOVERNORS APPOINTED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

MR. Ronald Collett Norman has been appointed Governor and Vice-Chairman, and Viscount Bridgeman and Mrs. Mary Hamilton Governors of the British Broadcasting Corporation for four years from January 1 next, in succession to Lady Snowden, Lord Gainford and Dr. Rendall, whose terms of office then expire.

Mr. Norman is a former Chairman of the London County Council, Viscount Bridgeman is an Ex-Cabinet Minister, and Mrs. Hamilton was a Labour Member of the last Parliament and is a well-known writer.

AMY STILL HELD-UP

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

THE continuance of bad weather, which caused Amy Johnson to land yesterday at Beni Ounif, prevented the resumption of the flight to-day.

TEA RESTRICTION SCHEME

PROPOSED EXPORT QUOTAS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

THE Amsterdam correspondent of the *Financial Times* states that subject to the conclusion of a full agreement on the proposed tea restriction scheme, the export quotas, in metric tons for the first year of operation will be:—India, 182,400; Ceylon, 86,900; Dutch East Indies, 66,825.

It is suggested that the Dutch East Indies quota be distributed in a proportion of 82 per cent. for estate tea and 18 per cent. for native-grown crops.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

SENATE STILL DEBATING ISSUE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

THE Senate has not yet disposed of the Philippine's issue, as erroneously reported on Dec 14.

It is debating a measure on similar lines to the Hare Bill but granting independence after eighteen years, and has carried an amendment limiting the period to nine years; but now has ordered the amendment to be reconsidered.

DESECRATION OF FAMOUS CATHEDRAL

MOSCOW, Dec. 10.

The world-famous Isaac's Cathedral, once one of the famous sights of Leningrad, which long ago was closed for worship, will, according to *Pravda*, shortly be reopened as a theatre mainly for spreading anti-religious propaganda.—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

SPANISH REPUBLICANS ATTACKED

PARIS, Dec. 10.

Miguel Unamuno, the prominent Spanish Republican writer, who was exiled under the monarchy for his political activities and whose return to Spain after she had become a Republic was widely celebrated, has just published in *Le Matin* a declaration expressing grave dissatisfaction with the methods of the present Republican Spanish government which, he alleged, do not differ very much from those of General Primo de Rivera's dictatorial regime.—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

UNEMPLOYED IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 8.

The number of the unemployed in receipt of the dole has during the past fortnight risen by a further 93,000. On December 1, it stood at 5,358,000 as compared with 5,265,000 on November 15.—Trans Ocean Kuo Min.

FRANCE'S NEW CABINET

M. CHAUTEMPS TO UNDERTAKE TASK

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 15.

M. HERRIOT has declined President Lebrun's invitation to form a Cabinet and the task has been undertaken by the Radical-Socialist ex-Minister, M. Camille Chautemps.

M. Chautemps since the war has participated in two Parliamentary records. In M. Herriot's Ministry of July 29, 1926, he was Minister of the Interior. The Ministry lasted exactly one day. On February 25, 1930, M. Chautemps faced the Chamber as Premier of a new Government and was immediately defeated, a vote of non-confidence being passed.

SPLENDID DISPLAY

DANCING AND GYMNASTICS BY DIOCESAN GIRLS

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the 800 students of the Diocesan Girls' School gave a splendid demonstration of modern physical education, under the directorship of Miss F. J. Lee, B.P.E., in the school grounds.

Several of the movements and dances were executed to music, but perhaps the outstanding item on the programme was the Etude Joyeuse delightfully executed by five charming maidens.

The demonstration, which was the third of its kind to be given by the D.G.S., was of very high standard and reflected great credit on the instructress.

The full programme was as follows:—

Part I.

1.—Kindergarten.
2.—Fundamental Danish Gymnastics.
3.—Folk Dances.
(a) Dargason.
(b) Hyde Park.
(c) Gathering Peascods.
4.—Class Swinging.
5.—Marching Tactics.
6.—Clicking Dumbells.

Part II.

7.—Apparatus.
8.—Children's Hour.
(a) Taffy was a Welshman.
(b) Seven Jumps.
(c) Old Roger.
9.—Relay Races.
(a) Racquet Race.
(b) Sack Race.
(c) Tooth Scraper.
10.—Jumping Tasks.
11.—Etude Joyeuse.
12.—Kim the Snake.

AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA

MO TEH HUEI MENTIONED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.

IT is understood in semi-official circles here that Mo Teh Huei will be the first Chinese ambassador to Russia. Mo Teh Huei is now in Moscow as Head of the Chinese delegation.

NEW MEMBERS OF PRESIDIUM

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec.

THE Preparatory Conference has elected the following members to the Presidium: Chiang Kai Shek, Yu Jen, Sun Fo, Tai Chi Tao, Ka Meng Yu, Ting Mei Feng and Chu Cheng. Five Committees have been appointed to examine the proposals that have been submitted to the Third Plenary Session. The Presidium is meeting at ten o'clock to-morrow morning and the first general session is meeting in the afternoon.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON PRICES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.

CLOSING SILVER PRICES IN LONDON TO-DAY WERE:—

	Dec. 15.	Dec. 16.
SPOT	17 1/16d.	17d.
FORWARD	17⅛d.	17d.

NEW HOUSING PROPOSALS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

IN the House of Commons, the Minister of Health, Sir Hilton Young, moved the second reading of the Bill embodying the Government's new housing proposals, which aim at encouraging the building of smaller type houses by private enterprise and with the help of building societies, and at bringing to an end the system of subsidies.

EXTRA CHARGE ON TELEGRAMS

NANKING, Dec. 9.

A surcharge of five cents on all telegrams and radiograms, irrespective of the length of the message or the distance, will be imposed for six months commencing on December 16, the Ministry of Communications announced yesterday, following receipt of instructions from the Executive Yuan.

The proceeds of this surcharge will be employed for the relief of the bandit-devastated areas in Honan, Hupeh and Anhui which were recently recovered from the outlaws. It is estimated that over $10,000 monthly will be obtainable from this source.—Kuo Min.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC STATION

SITE EARMARKED NEAR ICHANG

NANKING, Dec. 9.

A site near Ichang has been earmarked for the erection of a hydro-electric station, states Mr. Sung Hsi Shang, Head of the Engineering Division of the Yangtsze River Conservancy Commission, who together with a party of other engineers from the National Reconstruction Commission, recently made a trip to the Upper Yangtsze.

The Ichang district is likely to become one of the most important industrial centres in the country, Mr. Sung states. The immense water power available is capable of generating 320,000 kilowatts of electricity per second, it is estimated.

Detailed plans for the scheme are being prepared by the Commission for submission to the Executive Yuan. The scheme is estimated to cost $10 millions.—Kuo Min.

GEN. CHIANG REVIEWS BOY SCOUTS

HANKOW, Dec.

General Chiang [illegible] President of the Military Academy, Nanchang, reviewed the anti-communism [illegible] Wuchang and Hankow [illegible] Chungshan Park yesterday morning. Thirty-six companies of boy scouts comprising [illegible] inspected in the [illegible]

EURASIA AIR SERVICE

ENGINE TROUBLE HOLDS UP FIRST PLANE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.

THE Eurasia plane which was scheduled to leave here to-day for Tachen has not left, owing to engine trouble.

GUERILLA WAR CONTINUES

TWO CLASHES IN MANCHURIA

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

HARBIN, Dec. 16.

CONSIDERABLE activity by small groups of anti-Manchukuo Volunteers is reported by Japanese military headquarters.

Six hundred Volunteers from Tungkiang at the confluence of the Amur and Sungari Rivers are reported to be advancing upon Fuchin with the objective of an attack upon the Manchukuo and Japanese garrison there.

Fuchin, in the meantime, has already beaten off one attack by another party of guerillas. Some three hundred anti-Manchukuo Volunteers, crossing from Tsuping, on the left bank of the Sungari River, opposite Fuchin, attacked the east gate of Fuchin.

Attack Finally Beaten Off.

The defences were manned by Manchukuo and Japanese troops and the attack was finally beaten off after five of the attackers had been killed.

The Manchukuo and Japanese forces are now pursuing the Volunteers to the north. In the engagement, the Japanese losses were nil, but the Manchukuo troops suffered several casualties.

Another engagement occurred when a mixed detachment attacked and almost annihilated two hundred anti-Manchukuo Volunteers in the vicinity of Kangchuntung, some twenty-five miles to the east of Shwangchengpu. The Japanese losses were two killed and one wounded.

EMPIRE RADIO

PROGRAMMES TO START ON MONDAY

Mr. L. H. King gave the following information regarding Empire Radio from the local Wireless Studio last night. He said in part:—

I have been asked to give some information regarding the Empire Broadcasting, most of what I shall say to you to-night has already appeared in the local Press and in other papers, however the information that I give you will refresh your memories and possibly create that interest the efforts of the B.B.C. deserve.

The Empire has, for the purpose of Broadcasting, been divided into five Zones:—

Zone 1: Australia and New Zealand and Pacific Isles.
Zone 2: India, Burma and the Malay States.
Zone 3: Iraq, Egypt, East Africa and South America.
Zone 4: West Africa, including the Gold Coast and the Atlantic Islands (Tristan da Cunha and the Falkland Islands).
Zone 5: Canada, West Indies Trinidad, British Guiana and the Pacific Islands.

The wavelengths and the corresponding call signs which it is proposed to use have now been allocated and are given in the table below:—

	Wave length Metres.	Frequency KC/S.	Call Sign.
Zone 1:			
Australasia	25.5	11,750	GSD
Zone 2: India	16.9	17,770	GSG
	25.3	11,855	GSE
Zone 3:			
South Africa	31.3	9,585	GSC
	49.6	6,060	GSA
Zone 4:			
West Africa	31.5	9,510	GSB
	49.6	6,050	GSA
Zone 5: Canada	31.5	9,510	GSB
	49.6	6,050	GSA

These allocations however must be regarded as tentative.

[illegible] will be made [illegible] each Zone [illegible]

[illegible] local time [illegible]

[illegible] 6.30-7.30 p.m. (Australia)
[illegible] 8.00 p.m. (12.2 hours)
[illegible] 10.20 p.m. (12.2 hours)
[illegible] 4.00 a.m.
[illegible] 6.30 a.m.

[illegible] Zones [illegible] in Zone 1.

The transmissions commencing on Monday next must be regarded for many months as experimental and will be transmitted on two alternative wavelengths pending a decision as to which is best. The transmission for Hong Kong will be made on two wavelengths simultaneously on 25.528 m.s. 11,750 kilocycles using call sign GSD and on 31.397 metres i.e. 9,555 kilocycles call sign GSC.

For the benefit of those listeners who do not yet possess a short wave receiver, a relay of these programmes will be made by the local station if found practicable, in other words if reception is satisfactory and if no special Studio item is being broadcast.

Appeal to Listeners.

The success or otherwise of the reception and subsequent relay will be to a great extent depend on listeners themselves. I appeal to every listener to avoid condemnation, and not to maintain their acts on the actual verge of oscillation, otherwise reception either by the Government Stations or individual listeners will be marred.

There is only point I wish to emphasise and that is that short wave long distance transmissions [illegible] look for the uniformity and clarity of local transmission and therefore listeners [illegible] appointed or blame [illegible] this account.

I would also advise [illegible] are interested in [illegible] grammes [illegible] paper [illegible] full details [illegible]

MOTORISTS IN COURT

MR. PETER TO FINED FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING

A fine of $25 was imposed by Mr. Schofield on Mr. Peter To who was summoned for dangerous driving of a motor car. A representative entered a plea of guilty for the defendant.

Sergeant McInnes, for the prosecution, said that the incident occurred shortly after midnight on November 25, the night of St. Andrew's Ball. There were a number of cars parked opposite Queen's Pier in Connaught Road and the defendant drove past at an estimated speed of 35 miles an hour.

The Learner's Fee.

Mrs. Gorlo who was summoned for driving a motor car with a learner's licence in Causeway Bay Road was fined $10.

OIL-WELLS AIR SERVICE

SOLVING A TRANSPORT PROBLEM

THE NEW IRAQ PIPE LINE

In connection with the work of laying a new pipe-line from the oil-wells of Iraq to Palestine and Syria, which is being undertaken by the Iraq Petroleum Company, one of the chief problems arising is that of transport; but this is now being solved by a regular use of aeroplanes, two machines for this purpose having been acquired by the Company from Imperial Airways, who are also maintaining the aircraft in service and supplying pilots to fly them.

The machines thus employed on the pipe-line service are "Apollo," an Avro X monoplane, and a D.H.50, the pilots flying them being Messrs. Thomson and Wheeler.

The movements of fleets of land motor vehicles, used in the haulage of pipes, provisions, and stores, are superintended by local field managers who fly from point to point; while the use of aircraft is also proving valuable in surveys and drilling for water which are in progress with a view to establishing pumping-stations along the route the pipe-line is to follow.

One such site, where water, has been found, and which is being used as a field headquarters, is not far from Ruthah Wells, the desert air-station, and opportunities are often found, when executive officials of the Iraq Petroleum Company happen to be passing through Ruthah in aerial journeys along the main England-India route, for local field Managers to fly in and, while the big main-line aircraft makes its scheduled halt, to join their chiefs at breakfast or lunch, and discuss the latest aspects of the pipe-line work.

ANOTHER KOWLOON BLAZE

SHIPYARD BURNED OUT

In the early hours of yesterday morning the Kwong Cheong Hing shipyard at Cheungshawan was the scene of a big fire, which practically destroyed the whole shipyard. Four junks lying alongside the shipyard were also destroyed.

Appliances from Kowloon main station and from sub-stations at Mongkok, Kowloon City and other points were all rushed to the scene and the two fire-floats were brought into use.

Originating in a heap of dried grass used for breaming boats, the fire quickly spread to the carpentering shops, and fanned by the wind, the whole area was a mass of flames.

Firemen failed to save a large junk that had just been completed. Within close reach from the starting point of the fire, it was early involved, and was completely destroyed, as also were three others.

The fire is said to have been caused by a lighted cigarette-end, dropped into dried grass.

There were no casualties.

A fire at 74 Temple Street, Yaumati, was quickly extinguished by the inmates themselves, with the assistance of neighbours.

MR. PEPYS IN HONG KONG

10th.—Up betimes and trimmed myself, and so early to my office where I order my [illegible] and so about one of the clock to Gloucester House, where I take a glass or two of [illegible] wines with Mr. A. Stephen[illegible] pretty Lady, did after eat my [illegible] with them and all very merry. Then to the Races where I have not been this long while, and yet find all pretty much the same. In the first Race, I [illegible] the greatest possible surprise [illegible] Boundy, a made favourite. And indeed he has been a most excellent fast runner, but lately has gone off, and it is seldom that the Chinese ever doth regain old form once lost. Though others believe it [illegible] loss of their money by [illegible] Later Boss of the [illegible] to win easily, though in one race it did seem for a time that Lucy might defeat Polar Star, but, as I did suppose, the latter was too good for her. And later we learn that at the start The Pirate did whip round and jump the rails, with Polar Star well nigh bumped and Mr. L. Froot not remaining; and I am [illegible] glad no great harm be done [illegible] Mr. Froot do somewhat [illegible] ankle. And as I did [illegible] ing but [illegible] bell for [illegible] account [illegible] five [illegible] back [illegible] to win [illegible] which to [illegible] tent do [illegible] for a win and [illegible] forty-five dollars, for my [illegible] and so I do profit. But much I do fear that the Hall, which thus disappoints twice, is past his best. And I shall back him no more. Talking with Mr. McLentil, we do agree that the slit skirt fashion do afford nigh as much interest as the racing. And so very merry and back to the Clubbe in a hired motor coach, wherein I do give a kiss to a pretty Lady, and then to my Chamber to [illegible] garments of state. This night Mr. Stephen, his Lady, and a Mr. Robert did dine with me at Whiteaway's, and after to the Star House in Kowloon where we see Payment Deferred, I for the third time, and I do think that it improveth upon acquaintance. The house full and all enthusiastick. I did marvel at the number of bouquets that were handed upon the stage at the end, but all [illegible] well-deserved. Home and did eat a bite as Mr. Stephen's [illegible] I was [illegible] but a cup of tyme [illegible] tired to bed.

11th, Lord's Day.—Lay late and when up did busy myself in ordering my garments; but Lord! how [illegible] provide against the Moth. I [illegible] not [illegible] day, [illegible] to the [illegible] on [illegible] Peake [illegible] doubt [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible] warm [illegible] [illegible] than [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

LIKELY WINNERS AT MACAO

SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING ON SUNDAY

SOME SELECTIONS FOR PUNTERS

(BY "MORNING DEW")

There are seven races on the card for to-morrow's Extra Race Meeting at Macao and there is a distinct likelihood of some big dividends being paid to lucky punters. The s.s. Taishan will sail at 9 a.m. from Hong Kong and will return at 5.15 from Macao. The Moonshiners Melody Makers will be on board to make the trip more pleasant.

Entries generally are fairly thin, and so big fields will be the exception rather than the rule. In the opening race Drian and Prestwick look as though they are going to have things all to themselves and it will be difficult to try and pick the one which will be more likely to catch the judge's eye. Drian, on the whole has shown better finishes than Prestwick in the past and the odds seem to be slightly in his favour. Tien Feng Shan looks a good thing for third place.

Haydock Park Plate.

This race for "D" Class ponies of the Hong Kong Jockey Club has drawn twelve entries but the field is not likely to be more than six or seven. The Plover is in this race and ought to win, although Powerful King is quite a good each way bet and can be fully depended upon to give The Plover a good race. Just Imagine might run into a place and Gold Mine also appears to be quite a sound place proposition.

The Perth Handicap.

The race for Australian ponies has drawn only five ponies and among them is Canny who ran so well at Happy Valley last week. He will be carrying 165 pounds and although the weight will not make much difference to him, I think But After That is likely to redeem himself and extend Canny to-morrow. This ought to be a very good race. Tin Tac is down to 146 pounds and when his weight is down, he can make things hum. I wouldn't be surprised to see him do well.

Alexandra Park Handicap.

For "E" Class ponies this race has attracted seventeen entries and Christmas Belle will have a very good chance here of turning the tables on Gallant Fox. A very good race is anticipated and in all probability Christmas Belle will win as the pony has been very consistently running into a place in this class. Cupid might do quite well over this distance but does not seem to me to be a winner, a place is about his limit.

Gosforth Handicap.

Wakefield at 160 pounds ought to take a lot of beating over this mile race for "D" Class. Wonderful Stag is down to 150 pounds and might earn some stake money for his owner. Orlando is in this race and if he is allowed to get a good start he might have plenty to say about the race. Snappy Eve is down to 147 pounds and Alexandra Hall also is down to this weight and if these two ponies are fit—as I believe they are—they may cause an upset.

The Ladies' Race.

This race over once round looks a very good thing for Whoopee. The low weight is all in his favour and if the pony can crack up a fast half mile, he will take a lot of overhauling in the later stages of the race. Estrellita and Until Then will probably take the other places. If Christmas Bells and Gallant Fox are kept back for this event, those two ponies are likely to give Whoopee a good race but are not likely to beat him.

The Lingfield Handicap.

There are only seven entries for the last race and although both New King and Venturous are running at 165 pounds and conceding "tons" of weight to the others, I still think that these two ponies are outstanding and the result will depend on these two. Venturous should win, but New King has an enviable record in Macao and Mr. Caplan might bring off another win with this pony on Saturday. Pure Music at 152 is not such a bad proposition at all and is sure to give a creditable performance against the favourites.

SELECTIONS

Race 1.	Drian	
	Prestwick	
	Tien Feng Shan.	
Race 2.	The Plover.	
	Powerful King.	
	Just Imagine.	
Race 3.	But After That	
	Canny	
	Tin Tac	
Race 4.	Christmas Belle	
	Gallant Fox	
	Cupid	
Race 5.	Wakefield	
	Wonderful Stag	
	Orlando	
Race 6.	Whoopee	
	Estrellita	
	Until Then	
Race 7.	Venturous	
	New King	
	Pure Music.	

GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Old Course.

9.20-9.24 a.m.	not to be booked by players arriving by train.
9.28 a.m.	G. S. Archbutt and L. G. S. Dodwell.
9.32 ,,	Cdr. R. H. MacBean and Capt. Giddy.
9.36 ,,	S. J. H. Fox and C. C. Stark.
9.40 ,,	C. B. Robertson and R. S. W. Paterson.
9.44 ,,	D. S. Harley and A. C. I. Bowker.
9.48 ,,	A. S. Adamson and C. A. Pouncey.
9.52 ,,	W. Thomson and I. H. Geare.
9.56 ,,	N. K. Littlejohn and A. McKellar.
10.00 ,,	E. C. Hudson and R. K. Valentine.
10.04 ,,	A. D. Lowson and H. H. Pethick.
10.08 ,,	N. J. Perrin and W. E. Williams.
10.12 ,,	H. Hampton and A. O. Brawn.
10.16 ,,	M. W. Budd and E. D. Matthews.
10.20 ,,	G. C. Worrall and R. Young.
10.24 ,,	J. B. MacDonald and R. C. Webb.
10.28 ,,	W. F. Simons and A. Ritchie.
10.32 ,,	W. S. Hillier and K. K. Rounds.
10.36 ,,	W. J. Roberts and D. S. Edward.
10.40 ,,	C. W. Jeffries and W. M. Pittendrigh.
10.44 ,,	J. E. Richardson and G. H. Bond.
10.48 ,,	H. U. Ireland and A. K. Mackenzie.
10.52 ,,	G. W. Sewell and D. S. Robb.
10.56 ,,	J. G. Campbell and A. B. Purves.
11.00 ,,	V. R. Gordon and R. H. Wild.
11.04 ,,	R. C. Law and D. J. Christie.
11.08 ,,	J. F. Robinson and L. A. Caleraft.
11.12 ,,	R. H. Griffiths and R. I. Cherrill.
11.16 ,,	G. W. Reeve H. N. Williamson.
11.20 ,,	G. T. May and J. R. B. Coupland.
11.24 ,,	P. L. Leefe and H. G. Wallington.
11.28 ,,	W. H. E. Thomas and D. Ellis.
11.32 ,,	Capt. H. W. Davies and Redmond.
11.36 ,,	O. F. C. Martin and A. Pearce.
11.40 ,,	J. H. B. Lee and S. G. Clark.
11.44 ,,	C. Thwaites and J. Dykes.
11.48 ,,	W. C. Robertson and A. D. Coppin.
11.52 ,,	A. T. Lay and O. Eager.
11.56 ,,	G. B. G. Hull and H. C. Hopkins.
12.00 noon	A. B. Raworth and G. F. Hole.
12.04 p.m.	G. C. Leiper and D. Miller.
12.08 ,,	H. S. Hills and C. L. Sandes.

New Course.

9.20-9.24 p.m.	Players travelling by train cannot book these times.
9.28 a.m.	J. W. Alabaster and C. E. Holmes.
9.32 ,,	T. J. J. Fenwick and A. Leach.
9.36 ,,	A. H. K. Cobb and H. H. Mundy.
9.40 ,,	W. H. B. Rigg and W. J. Marshall.
9.44 ,,	A. S. Mitchell and J. P. Warren.
9.48 ,,	C. J. D. Law and J. W. Mayhew.
9.56 ,,	Mrs. D. G. McAvoy and D. G. McAvoy.
10.04 ,,	R. A. Rodgers and A. G. C. Fournier.
10.12 ,,	Pollock and Marshall.
10.20 ,,	Miss Graham and Miss Curtin.
10.28 ,,	Mrs. Syme Thomson and Miss Thomas.
10.36 ,,	Mrs. Jefferies and Mrs. Matthews.
10.44 ,,	Miss Sutton and Miss Munro.
10.52 ,,	K. W. Jones and J. C. Dunbar.
11.00 ,,	T. J. Price and G. F. Rees.
11.08 ,,	E. B. Price and J. M. Wilson.

NAVAL BOXING

SEMI-FINALS DECIDED

FINALS TO-NIGHT

The semi-finals of the Novices and Amateur team Boxing Championships organised by the China Fleet were fought off at the Royal Naval Canteen last night. There was a large gathering of boxing enthusiasts present, and some very clever boxing was seen.

The finals of the championships will take place to-night, after which Captain Burnett will present the prizes.

NOVICES COMPETITION

Feather Weight.

A.B. Downes (H.M.S. Hermes) beat A.B. Bearsby (H.M.S. Suffolk).

A.B. Jowett (H.M.S. Medway) beat Cook Fitchett (H.M.S. Verity).

Light Weight.

A.B. Dennis (H.M.S. Suffolk) beat Sig. Hoe (H.M.S. Hermes).

Marine Haley (H.M.S. Hermes) beat Sig. Smith (H.M.S. Hermes) by a technical knock-out.

Welter Weight.

A.B. Moul (H.M.S. Wishart) beat A.B. Shea (H.M.S. Hermes).

Middle Weight.

A.B. Fudge (H.M.S. Wishart) beat A.B. Etherington (H.M.S. Sandwich) by a technical knock-out.

A.B. Pringle (H.M.S. Medway) beat A.B. Day (H.M.S. Wild Swan) by a technical knock-out.

Light-Heavy Weight.

A.B. Marsh (H.M.S. Hermes) walk-over from A.B. Wilson (H.M.S. Wren).

A.B. Deykin (H.M.S. Suffolk) beat A. B. Chamberlain (H.M.S. Hermes).

AMATEUR TEAM

Bantam Weight.

A.B. Brand (8th D/F.) beat A.B. Edland (H.M.S. Kent).

Feather Weight.

Tel. Smith (H.M.S. Kent) beat A.B. Hinton (H.M.S. Suffolk).

A.B. Read (8th D/F) beat A.B. Mogford (8th D/F.).

Light Weight.

A.B. Law (8th D/F.) beat S.P.O. Robinson (H.M.S. Hermes) by a technical knock-out in the first round.

A.B. Baldwin (H.M.S. Hermes) knock-out Marine Brown (H.M.S. Kent) in the first round.

Welter Weight.

S.P.O. Keen (8th D/F.) beat A.B. Butler (H.M.S. Cornwall).

A.B. Emmerson (H.M.S. Suffolk) beat A.B. Cannon (H.M.S. Hermes).

Middle Weight.

A.B. Thompson (H.M.S. Cornwall) knock-out A.B. Wadge (8th D/F.) in the first round.

A.B. Dawson (8th D/F.) beat A.B. Hall (H.M.S. Medway).

Light-Heavy Weight.

A.B. Hill (8th D/F.) beat L. Stoker Gisborne (H.M.S. Kent).

Officials.

The Judges were:—Pay.-Comdr. Wethey, Rev. A. Evans, Capt. Hill, R.M., Lt.-Comdr. Lawrence, Lt.-Comdr. Egaling and Major Brown, R.M.

Referees:—Comdr. Bayley, Lt.-C. Stevenson and Capt. Burnett.

Time-keeper:—Rev. A. Edwards.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

TO-DAY'S TOURNAMENT MATCH

CLUB *v.* NAVY

The Club and Royal Navy Rugby XV.s meet at Happy Valley this afternoon in the first round of the Triangular Tournament competition. Both these teams have lost by narrow margins to the Army XV. while in friendly encounters between the two the Navy have scored two wins and the Club one to date. The Navy team has been considerably weakened by the departure of H.M.S. Devonshire for the North, but the Senior Service have such a galaxy of talent that they can be depended upon to produce a very useful side even without Lieuts. Armytage and Rothwell. We understand that Lieut. Partridge is unable to play this afternoon, but with Lieut. Linton, the Navy captain, in the pack again the side should be stronger than that which the Club beat last Saturday.

The Club Side.

For the Club, Selby is still unable to play, and Robertson and Bradford would appear to be out of the game for some time yet. The Club team shows two changes from that which beat the Navy last week, Lammert coming back to the side at left wing, and Garrod replacing Stilliard in the pack.

It would indeed be hard to forecast the result of the match but we are assured of a close tussle between two well matched sides.

The Teams.

Navy—Tel. Martin-Stoneham; Lt. Buckley, A. N. Other, Lt. Lockley, Lt. Ryder, Lt. Francis, Lt. Linton (captain), Lt.-Com. Robertson, Lt. Fisher, P.R.A. Doggett, A.B. Deykin, Lt. Pitsey, Lt. Watson, Lt.-Com. Holdback.

Club—Whitham; J. J. Fer[illegible] B. Rigg, R. H. [illegible] T. Lammert, M. W. [illegible] K. McIntosh, W. P. [illegible] H. McKinney, S. H. Garrod, [illegible] D. McLellan (captain), [illegible] Thompson, A. K. Munro.

Major Maclntyre, R.A.

[illegible] p.m.

F.A. CUP REPLAYS

COVENTRY AND READING AGAIN DRAW

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 15.

HULL CITY and Queen's Park entered the Third Round of the F.A. Cup yesterday, and Coventry City again drew with Reading after extra time had been played.

FANLING GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCH CANCELLED

Owing to the illness of Mr. A. B. Stewart the final tie of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship arranged for Sunday will not take place.

HOCKEY

H.K. LADIES' TEAMS FOR TO-DAY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in the Caer Clark match against St. Andrew's this afternoon at 3.15 p.m. on the Marina ground, Kowloon:—

M. Bird; E. Gray, J. Smalley; J. Dalziel, B. M. Pope, C. Ferguson; H. Knill, M. Alub Jone, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill and E. Blackburn.

The following will represent the Club "A" XI in a match against the St. Andrew's Troop on the Naval ground at Happy Valley to-day at 3 p.m.:—

J. Harris Walker, A. Nicol, B. Franklin; E. O'Hagan, D. Robertson, A. Owen Hughes, M. Bishop, A. Hallifax, E. Bonnar, A. G. Orme and R. King.

GRASS-CUTTER AND AMAH

OLD WOMAN WHO BIT HER ASSAILANT.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday a young Chinese grass-cutter was charged with robbing an old Chinese amah on Hatton Road, on the morning of December 4.

According to Detective Sergeant O'Donovan, who prosecuted, the complainant was walking down Hatton Road on the day in question when she met the defendant. They passed each other, but shortly afterwards complainant heard footsteps behind her, and before she could turn round, she was pushed to the ground.

She recognised her assailant as the grass-cutter who had just passed her, and when he made a grab at her purse which she was carrying inside a handkerchief, she bit his hand. They struggled until the complainant fell into a hole which was about seven feet deep. Defendant then ran away without taking the purse.

Complainant later made a report to the police and two days afterwards an identification parade was held at which the defendant was picked out by the complainant.

After hearing further evidence, his Worship, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, adjourned the case.

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HOME FOOTBALL

HOME LEAGUE MATCHES TO BE PLAYED TO-DAY

The following English and Scottish league matches are down for decision to-day:—

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	*v.*	Blackburn
Bolton	*v.*	Wednesday
Chelsea	*v.*	Manchester C.
Huddersfield	*v.*	Arsenal
Leicester	*v.*	Birmingham
Liverpool	*v.*	West Brom.
Middlesbro.	*v.*	Leeds
Newcastle	*v.*	Derby
Portsmouth	*v.*	Sunderland
Sheffield U.	*v.*	Everton
Wolves	*v.*	Blackpool

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford	*v.*	Notts County
Burnley	*v.*	Swansea
Charlton	*v.*	Southampton
Grimsby	*v.*	Fulham
Manchester U.	*v.*	Lincoln
Notts Forest	*v.*	Millwall
Oldham	*v.*	Chesterfield
Plymouth	*v.*	Port Vale
Preston	*v.*	Bradford C.
Stoke City	*v.*	Bury
Tottenham	*v.*	West Ham

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	*v.*	Torquay
Brighton	*v.*	Coventry
Bristol R.	*v.*	Bradford
Clapton Orient	*v.*	Clapton Orient
Gillingham	*v.*	Newport
Norwich	*v.*	Portsmouth
Queen's P.R.	*v.*	Bristol C.
Reading	*v.*	Exeter
Southend	*v.*	Northampton
Watford	*v.*	Luton
Swindon	*v.*	[illegible]

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	*v.*	Wrexham
Barrow	*v.*	Stockport
Carlisle	*v.*	Darlington
Chester	*v.*	Gateshead
Crewe	*v.*	Hull City
Halifax	*v.*	[illegible]
[illegible]	*v.*	Walsall
[illegible]	*v.*	Barnsley
[illegible]	*v.*	Tranmere
[illegible]	*v.*	Wrexham
[illegible]	*v.*	Doncaster

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

[illegible]	*v.*	Queen's P.
Clyde	*v.*	[illegible]
Dundee	*v.*	[illegible]
Falkirk	*v.*	Kilmarnock
Hibernian	*v.*	[illegible]
Hearts	*v.*	[illegible]
St. Johnstone	*v.*	[illegible]
St. Mirren	*v.*	[illegible]
Third Lanark	*v.*	[illegible]

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KOWLOON CHESS CLUB

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The Kowloon Chess Club held a meet at the Central British School yesterday evening when the Club Championship Tournament was advanced another stage.

The results of yesterday's play follow:—

Senior.

C. E. Wing	1	T. K. Coltau	0
A. D. Scollard	1	L. S. Smith	0
A. C. Ridlington	1	B. W. Paul	0
C. M. Sequeira	1	P. T. Rozario	0

Junior.

A. J. Birinkoff	—	J. Easton	—
W. Morrik	—	A. L. Rocha	—
T. E. Parry	—	M. Cullietti	1
H. H. Bush	0	P. Yvanovich	1
A. Prata	0	Dr. H. Matthews	—

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AN Urgent Appeal is made for Winter Clothing particularly for Children.

Many requests for blankets are being made. Any covering of any kind or any thing which could be converted into a covering will be most gratefully received at the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

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BRITISH SWIMMERS AT THE OLYMPIC

NOT VERY GOOD SHOWING

START TRAINING NOW FOR 1936

The British Olympic Journal's report, dealing with the British swimming team's performances at Los Angeles, is a strictly fair résumé of the times and places credited to British swimmers, but there are several points omitted, writes the London *Morning Post* Athletics correspondent. For one thing, the reports on athletics, boxing, rowing, cycling, and wrestling all appear under the signature of an official appointed by the B.O.A., but the swimming report is printed without any acknowledgment of its source. There is also, I think, evidence in the report of a desire to gloss over the outstanding superiority of the successful nations, and ignore the stark fact that British Olympic standards are now noticeably lower than at Amsterdam in 1928 and much lower than at Paris in 1924.

More noticeable still, the report does not give any indication of hope for the future, because there is not even a suggestion of a search being made to find out the cause of failure.

Start Now!

May be there will be a more hopeful development at the Southern Counties Education Committee's lecture at the Marshall-street Baths, when a member of the British Swimming Committee, Mr. R. P. Green, of Cardiff, will lecture on the Los Angeles swimming results.

Incidentally, my suggestion that the A.S.A. should appoint an Olympic organiser, forthwith, to start preparations for the Games in 1936 has drawn forth a reply from a North-country official closely associated with Olympic preparations in the past. My critic pours forth scorn on the suggestion for an immediate start, basing his opposition on the statement that as only three members of the Los Angeles team took part in the Amsterdam Games four years ago, it would be futile to commence preparations now as no one is likely to know the constitution of the 1936 team.

Not Sudden Finds.

My critic has got his facts all wrong. There were 13 British swimmers sent to Los Angeles, and six—Joyce Cooper, Phyllis Harding, Marjorie Hinton, R. J. C. Sutton, J. Whiteside and W. Francis—represented Great Britain at the Amsterdam Games. The rest of the Los Angeles team were all Olympic prospects two or three years ago. Indeed Valerie Davies and Helen Varcoe would have been practical certainties for Los Angeles, but they were out of competition owing to illness, and business calls.

French-Williams was heralded as the best boy of his age three years ago, Cecilia Wolstenholme was placed second in a National championship three years ago, and R. H. Leivers and N. Wainwright were known as likely Olympic candidates two years ago. Actually every woman and man who swam for Great Britain at Los Angeles was publicly known as a potential Olympic representative several years ago; this should silence the critics who claim that Olympic preparations should be held over until the constitution of the team has been decided.

THE F.M.S. RUBBER INDUSTRY

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI ON GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

Singapore, Dec 6.—A revival of interest in some scheme for the control of rubber production among unofficials was one of the outstanding features on Monday's meeting of the Legislative Council under the presidency of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi).

Hr. Tan Cheng Lock and Mr. H. E. Nixon urged the need for control and the apparent lack of interest by the Government was deprecated, while the necessity for a "liaison" with neighbouring countries and producers and consumers was urged.

His Excellency, speaking at the conclusion of the meeting, said that no scheme was at present under consideration but any practical scheme would receive sympathetic consideration. He added that any such scheme should not be unilateral and enters to commend itself both to the Dutch and himself it could not be entertained. In conclusion he struck an optimistic note, stating that he thought the country had reached the trough of the wave of depression and might look to better times next year.

MR. PEPYS IN HONG KONG.

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over-cold, do join Mr. Povy and others at the table near to the fire, where, when dicing for our morning draught, Creed tells us there is said to be a tiger upon Tai Mo Shan and that two of the native watch have seen it. At this two young gentlemen, who have been but a short time here, do wax very merry, until I tell them that I did make the same jeste, when I too was a young fool, a week before the tiger did kill two men and was himself shot by Mr. D. Barlingham and Mr. C. Martyn. Mr. Povy says that there is no doubt that tigers do visit the Territory seeking less bitter weather and do find a plenty provender in the deer, with a pig or two from the villages; and he calls to mind that once a tigress did lay up on the upper ravines of Turret Rock, upon the north-west, and was after seen with her cubs, to the great disordering of the putting upon the golfe course. Yet in this present case, I am in some doubt if it be actually a tiger, as Mr. George did tell me a few days gone that, driving back one day to Taipo, he did see what he deems to have been a cheetah. For there are more big cats than be tigers. To which Mr. Ashby agrees and adds some are of his acquaintance, which did surprise me mightily as I knew not before he was a big-game hunter.

13th.—This day I do read an account of the Jockey Clubbe Meeting, and in most ways it do seem most satisfactory. But whether the Chairman do say the attendance be down, or the turnover upon wagering and sweepstakes, I know not clearly. But I am well-assured that they have given the publick too much racing, and this be the cause of either deficit. I know full well that they have in mind the owners and particularly the small man who owns but a D or E class animal and wishes many races that he may pick up a stake or two to help to provide for his stable bill. Yet in the long run the piper be payed from the publick's pocket in the percentages for the most part, and the Committee must reckon with them too. And it is my rode that they do make an alteracion by striking out the last two or three Meetings in May and June and all in September, when it really do be too hot for pleasure. But when I tell Mr. Leeds this, he retorts pretty roundly that I know not of what I am talking. And I do perceive that his form of argument do smack somewhat of a Naval Officer's. Reading further in the report, I was at a stonde to understand the matter of the Ladies' baths, but I do feel the matter be too tichnical for me.

14th.—Rising somewhat late, I go to my verandah and to my greatest possible surprise do see what at first I take to be a military class being instructed in bomb-throwing. But later I perceive that it be but a fielding practice, and I also perceive that the Army be out for bloode in the Christmas Match. This day I read in the newes sheetes that a football referee has been shot in the Argeatine and I am confirmed in my opinion that our local Association fanatiques have not yet the full spirit of the game. This day Medway goes to sea, because as I suppose Tolo be nearer than Hong Kong.

15th.—Much grumbling at the slow play at Fanling, if what I read in the newes sheetes be true. But I do confess that I loathe more than any the golfe fiend, who does measure his round not by the small number of strokes he plays but by the number of minutes in which he goes round. It is true no one liketh to be held up, but unselfishness should be cultivated—and this to my mind is where golfe faileth so sadly, it being the most selfish of all games, except it may be Yo-Yo. Later to the meeting where I learn the courses be overcrowded, and we are to pay for the folly of the Committee [illegible] twelve years ago, when they did not seek to limit the membership by lifting the entrance-fee. And now, they do but lock the stable door when within it is already overcrowded with animals.

18th.—Up exceedingly early, this day as I was minded to drink a glass of sack upon one of the Kinge's great shippes at seven bells. And then in the ward-room I do meet the Captain who tells me that the massed bands of all the big shippes do play at the Lee Theatre upon the Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Which indeed is a most unusual treat, and one that I should not miss. This afternoon, [illegible] Cornwall into Kaitoke and [illegible] her back [illegible] some others [illegible] very [illegible] quietly and easy [illegible]

LATEST NEWS ABOUT SANTA

DUE TO ARRIVE AT SINCERE'S TO-DAY

Between 1.30 and 2.30 p.m. today the public of Hong Kong will, for the first time in its history, witness Santa Claus realistically coming from the air. A gaily coloured aeroplane chartered by Sincere Co. will carry Santa Claus circling round the Colony, and quaint little parachutes will be dropped here and there which contain credit coupons from Sincere's. Everyone should look for these gifts from the sky, and Sincere Co. are offering prizes for the first three coupons presented to their office the next day; in addition to the value of the coupons in goods.

The aircraft is scheduled to land at Kai Tack aerodrome at 2.30 p.m. when Santa Claus will alight to be greeted by a number of students from some local schools and special committee from Sincere's. It is expected that a host of enthusiasts will be present to witness the landing of the "stranger."

Santa Claus will land on Hong Kong side at the pier opposite Sincere's store, at about 3 p.m. when he will board a specially decorated motor car and will lead a parade through the main streets of the city.

Among the many interesting features this Christmas is the special Wonderland on the Roof Garden of the Sincere Co. There are in the Wonderland a maze, a ping pong court, a skating rink, a tricycle

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FOUR NEW COMMITTEES

NANKING, Dec. 8.

It is learnt that four special committees on Water Conservancy, Engineering, Highways and Public Health will be created by the National Economic Council. The most important task confronting the Council at present is the management of the highways in the central provinces, the newly constructed dykes along the Yangtsze River and the engineering operations connected with the conservancy of the waterways in Hupeh province.—Kuo Min.

stadium, a miniature golf course and some other games. Adults as well as children will have a lot of fun here.

PAINTING CONTEST

The painting contest arranged by Sincere Co. has met with gratifying response by students from various schools in the Colony. Over 1,200 entries have been received. Awards will be presented for the best 10 paintings in the opinion of Mr. Pau, the well-known local artist who has most kindly consented to judge the competition. The results will be published in the local press. Owing to the huge number of competitors, arrangement will have to be made to gather the school children in four groups, each group to call at Sincere's Wonderland on one appointed day when Santa Claus will distribute prizes and gifts to every competitor.

Many other interesting features for the Christmas season are being arranged by Sincere's and this Christmas festivity promises to be among the most interesting ones previously enjoyed.

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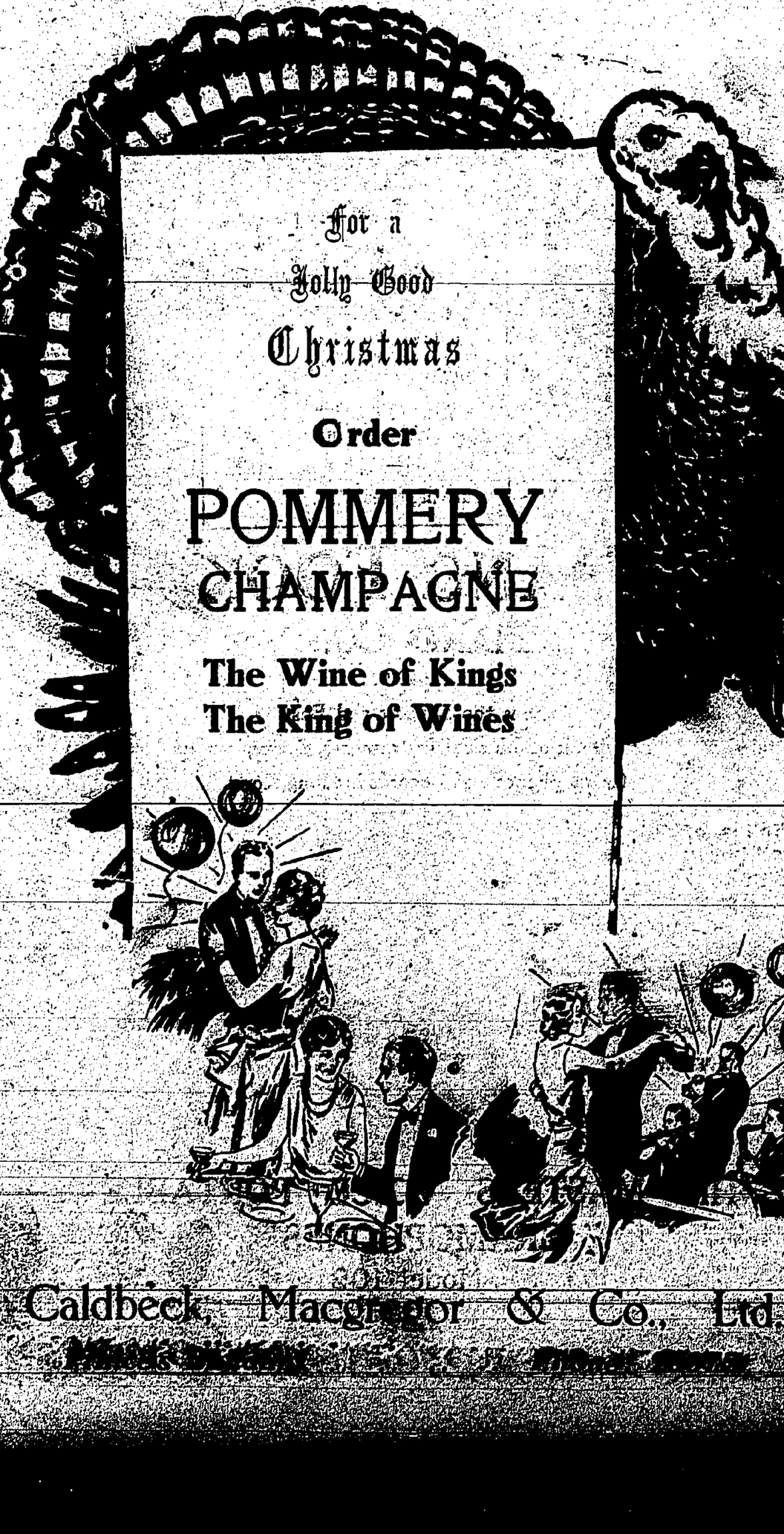

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CHINESE LOAN DRAWINGS

CEREMONY AT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION

Public drawings for the redemption of part of the principal of the 2,400,000 Treasury Notes (1926) secured on cancelled Austrian Indemnity (8th drawing); 7th Year (1918) Long Term Loan (12th drawing); 14th Year (1925) Loan 12th Year (1928) Military Supply Loan (8th drawing); 17th Year (1928) Rehabilitation Loan (11th drawing); 18th Year (1929) Famine Relief Loan (10th drawing); and 19th Year (1930) Customs Loan (8th drawing) were held yesterday at the Shanghai Bankers' Association under the supervision of representatives of the Ministry of Audit, the Shanghai Bankers' Association, the Shanghai Native Bankers' Guild, the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, and the National Loan Sinking Fund Commission, says Kuo Min. Mr. Loy Chang, Director of the Loan Department of the Ministry of Finance, officiated.

The terminal numbers of the bonds drawn were as follows:

(1) 2.4 Million Treasury Notes:

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(2) 7th Year Long Term Loan: 56

(3) 14th Year Loan: 11

(4) 7th Year Military Supply Loan: 59

(5) 17th Year Rehabilitation Short Term Loan: 16:86

(6) 18th Year Famine Relief Loan: 85

(7) 19th Year Customs Loan: 60

Payment will be made as usual through the Central Bank, the Bank of China or the Bank of Communications throughout the country as from December 31, 1932, except that of the 2,400,000 Loan which will be made as from December 20.—Kuo Min.

JAPANESE EXPORTS TO SHANGHAI

FALL BY TWO-THIRDS

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—The volume of Japanese exports to Shanghai during the period January to November 1932 amounted to 120,000 tons, indicating a fall of two-thirds in comparision with figure for similar period last year, according to a statement issued by the commercial attaché of the local Japanese Consulate. Chinese goods exported to Japan from Shanghai during the same period this year were put at 100,000 tons, a 50 per cent. reduction compared against the previous year's record.

BRIDGE BUILDING AND RED SUPPRESSION

KWANGTUNG 3RD DIVISION BUSY

Canton.—Commander Li Han Yun of the 3rd Independent Division, and Pacification Commissioner of the North-eastern Region, returned to Canton recently to report to General Chen Tsai Tong on the progress of the pacification work carried out by the troops under his command.

Interviewed by Press representatives, Comdr. Li said that plans for the construction of a steel bridge across the Shaokwan River at Shaokwan are being considered at his headquarters.

"Tse Tai Hin and his outlaws have been annihilated by the 3rd Independent Division." He also confirmed the report of movements of the Cantonese garrison on the southern border of Kiangsi to the north to round up "Red" remnants.

SHANGHAI-NANKING TELEPHONE

NANKING, Dec. 12.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the erection of the two additional lines for the Nanking-Shanghai long-distance telephone service. Wires have been put up as far as Soochow from Shanghai and as far as Chinkiang from Nanking, the entire lines to be completed and open to traffic by New Year's Day.—Kuo Min.

NEW HEAD OF SUIYUAN LINE

GENERAL TANG KUO TSENG NOMINATED

PEIPING, Dec. 8.

According to information from local Chinese circles Mr. Tseng Kwang Hsiang, Director of the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway will be shortly replaced by General Tang Kuo Tseng. A ministerial order to this effect is expected to be received in Peiping in the course of the next few days.

One report says that Mr. Tseng went to attend to the task of handing over his duties to his successor and that General Tang will assume office to-morrow morning.

Mr. Tseng, who is a Cantonese and a returned student from the United States, has been in charge of the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway since the autumn of 1930, when Marshal Chang Hsueh Liang came to Peiping as a result of his intervention in the Yen Feng revolt on the side of the National Government.

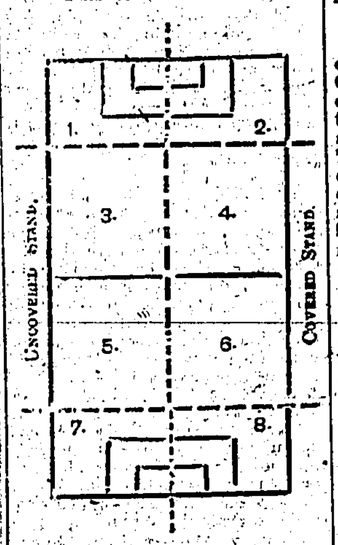
General Tang is a graduate of St. John's University, Shanghai and has been on the staff of Marshal Chang Hsueh Liang for many years. He is in his late thirties and is well known in local foreign circles.

WEEK-END RADIO PROGRAMMES

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme of Columbia records.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.)
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
3.45 to 5 p.m. (approx.).—A running commentary from the Kowloon Football Field of the match between the Kowloon Football Club and the 1st Battn. of the Lincolns by courtesy of the Football Association and the Kowloon Football Club.

Plan of Football Field.



HAVE THIS BEFORE YOU WHEN YOU LISTEN IN.

5 to 7 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.
6 p.m.—An attempt will be made to relay the programme from Melbourne of the Aborigines Corroborall Dances.
7 to 11.30 p.m.—European programme.
7 to 7.25 p.m.—Band Selections.
7.25 to 8.30 p.m.—Variety.
8.30 to 9 p.m.—"Casse Noisette Suite" (Tschaikowsky).—The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra conducted by Percy Pitt.—9220/2.
9 to 9.30 p.m.—A pianoforte recital by Madame C. Cuervo.
9.30 to 11.30 p.m.—Dance music.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby mid-day Press news.
11.30 p.m.—Close down.

All records in the above European programmes are supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

SUNDAY

10.30 to 11.30 a.m.—A relay of the Union Church Service, Kennedy Road.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese recorded programme.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
2 p.m.—Close down.
7 to 10 p.m.—European programme
7 to 9 p.m.—A programme of Coulmbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.
9 to 10 p.m.—A relay of the Reveller's Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden by courtesy of the Management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.)
10 p.m.—Close down.

CANTON LANDLORDS WANT FAIR PRICE

FOR LAND TAKEN OVER BY GOVERNMENT

Canton.—Restraint in the taking over of private property, and payment of full value for such property are requested in a communication from the Board of Councillors to the Municipal Government of Canton.

It is pointed out that in many instances the price paid by authorities to a property owner has been far below the actual value of the property taken over. Inasmuch as it is the general practice of the authorities to invite tenders whenever public property is disposed of, the communication says, the same principle should be applied in the taking over of private property in order to determine a fair price for the latter. Continuing, the communication asserts that there are instances in which municipal organs unnecessarily look over private property and paid an inadequate price and

OTTAWA DUTIES AND THE F.M.S.

HOW INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED

BRITISH WRAPPINGS ON FOREIGN GOODS

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 5.—A curious conflict of interests has arisen between the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States as a results of the Ottawa agreements.

The issue that has arisen is simply whether Empire goods landed in the Colony ports and re-shipped to the Federation should be admitted to the latter territory at the Empire preferential rate. At first sight the question looks absurd. The goods are British, the Colony ports are British, and the Federation is a British protectorate. What more is there to be said? Unfortunately the matter is not quite so simple as that and both the Government and the merchants of the Federation can put up an impressive case against applying Empire preference to the re-shipment trade of the Straits Settlements.

Customs Difficulties.

Since the Federal Government extended its tariff to take in the Ottawa duties it has to collect duty on a stream of goods coming from the Colony along old-established and familiar channels of trade This presents many difficulties. If only large and reputable firms were concerned the matter would not be so serious, but smaller fry are bound to come along, and the moral frailty of mankind is no less noticeable in Malaya than elsewhere. Unless proper precautions were taken the Straits Settlements might well become a base for smuggling foreign goods into the Federation at Empire rates, with consequent damage to Empire trade.

Packages can be opened and foreign goods substituted. Trademarks, labels, wrappers and other identifying marks used by Empire manufacturers can be copied. Already a complaint has been heard in Calcutta that piece goods are arriving in that port from Japan bearing British trademarks, and cases are constantly coming up in the Singapore courts of the copying of well-known trade labels and wrappers by unscrupulous dealers.

The principal business concerned in this dispute between the Colony and the Federation is in piece goods, and anyone familiar with this business must admit the possibilities of deception which it affords. In the staple lines tickets can be transferred, forged or obtained in other ways, while stamped British trademarks can either be forged or (at the sacrifice of a yard or so of cloth) replaced with a forged trademark. In the fancy lines wrappers and tickets can be exchanged with ease.

EXPLOSION AT CHEFOO

AMMUNITION DUMP GOES UP

(NAVAL WIRELESS INTELLIGENCE.)

The following message has been received from the Senior Naval Officer, Chefoo:—

CHEFOO, Dec. 15.

An ammunition dump at the shore end of the mole blew at 5.55 p.m. The dump was on the waste land and the damage was local. A fire which started is out. The dump was at the opposite end of the town to the European Quarter. Any alarmist rumours should be treated with reserve. The town is quiet.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

RALPHS SHIELD COMPETITION

The concluding stage of the above competition will take place at King's College on Sunday, December 18, commencing at 10 a.m.

The Judges will be Colonel Myles, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., Lt.-Col. Renshaw, R.A.M.C., and Major Anderson, R.A.M.C.

Friends who are interested in the Brigade and its activities are invited to witness the competition.

Prize Drawing.

By kind permission the St. John Ambulance Brigade Prize Drawing will take place in the Compradores' Association Club Rooms on Friday, December 30, at 3 p.m.

Purchasers of Tickets are invited to witness the draw, after which tea will be served.

INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY

FORMAL INAUGURATION ON DECEMBER 10

New Delhi, Nov. 25.—His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will formally inaugurate the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun on Saturday, December 10.

The first term has actually begun and work is in full swing and the influential assemblage of guests at the ceremony will therefore have an opportunity of realising the great change that has been effected in the arrangements for training officers for the Indian Army, by the creation of a cadet college in India.

Leaders of all Parties in the Central Legislature have been invited by the Commander-in-Chief to be his guests for the occasion.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DICKSON

FORMER MANAGER OF LOCAL CHARTERED BANK

The manager of the local branch of the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China informs us of the death of Mr. William Dickson which took place at Nairobi on November 14.

The late Mr. Dickson was a former manager at the Hong Kong Branch and left the Colony during the middle of 1916 on retirement.

GARNISHEE CASE

PUISNE JUDGE'S DECISION

At the Supreme Court yesterday, the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) gave his decision in the case in which Ma Yiu Ping and Lee Sze, having obtained judgement against Lee Mui and Wing Fat Co., in three summary cases sought a Garnishee Order against a third party—a building owner for whom the judgment debtor had previously worked.

His Lordship in a written judgment found that application for the order failed and discharged the order *nisi* with costs.

D.E.I. UNEMPLOYED

OVER 3,600 EUROPEANS OUT OF WORK

Medan, Nov. 27.—Mr. A. G. Vreede, head of the Office of Labour, has recently toured East and Mid-Java to investigate the unemployment problem.

He states that the number of unemployed Europeans at the end of May amounted to 3,600, of whom 300 were in the Outer Possessions, but that number now must be far greater. Since July, 1931, 1,200 employees, working in the sugar industry have been dismissed.

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CHURCH NOTES

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hong Kong.

DECEMBER 18, 1932:—
4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Mattins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher:—The Dean.
Holy Communion, 12.15 p.m.
Evensong, 6.30 p.m.
Preacher:—Rev. N. V. Halward.

Week Day Services.

Mattins. Daily, 9.00 a.m.
Intercessions for the Sick. Wednesday, 10.15 a.m.
Holy Communion. Wednesday St. Thomas' Day, 7.45 a.m.
Holy Communion. Thursday, 7.45 a.m.

Other Notices.

"The First Nowell," a Nativity Play in three scenes, with Hymns and Carols, will be produced in the Cathedral at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, December 21st and 23rd. All seats free. No booking. Retiring collection for expenses and for the Waifs and Strays Society.

Christmas Services.

Dec. 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong with preparation for Christmas Communion.

Dec. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral)
8.00 a.m. (Peak Church) Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m. Children's Service.
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.
5.30 p.m. Short Evensong and Carol Service.

N.B. The Change of time of the Evening Service is particularly to be noticed.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

(Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass, U.S.A.)
MACDONNELL ROAD, BELOW BOWEN ROAD TRAM STATION.

DECEMBER 18, 1932:—
SUNDAY SERVICE, 11.15 a.m.
Subject:—"IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE".
The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings, 10 o'clock.
Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8.00 p.m.
Reading Room at above address open:—Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room

UNION CHURCH.
NOTICE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1932.
CHOIR SUNDAY.

Sunday School:—
Kennedy Road, 9.30 a.m.
Taikoo, 2.45 p.m.
Morning Service, 10.30 a.m. (Broadcast).
Preacher:—Rev. E. G. Powell.
Evening Service, 6 p.m., Choral Service. (It is greatly regretted that owing to circumstances over which the Church has no control this Choral Service cannot be broadcast.)

MESSIAH.
Soloists:—Mrs. Bowes Smith, Soprano.
Mrs. H. L. Lockhart, Contralto.
Mr. H. E. Gardiner, Tenor.
Mr. W. H. Bailey, Bass.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, Wanchai.

(Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road, East).

The following are the forthcoming Services, at the Methodist Church, Wanchai.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1932:—
10.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. E. C. H Tribbeck.
6 p.m. Preacher Rev. J. Courtenay Jacobs.
3 p.m. Sunday School will meet in the Church.
Friday 23rd,
6 p.m. Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Weekly Prayer Meeting.

SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME, Wanchai,
21, Hennessy Road

SUNDAY (18th), 8.15 p.m.—Christian Social Hour Conducted by the Chaplain.
MONDAY (19th).—Badminton Club Meet.
TUESDAY (20th), 8 p.m.—Fellowship Meeting.
WEDNESDAY (21st), 8 p.m.—Social Evening.
THURSDAY (22nd).—Badminton Club Meet.
Service Men are reminded of the Dinner Party at 7 p.m. on the 24th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Kobe yesterday at 8.30, left Kobe at noon, is due at Nagasaki to-day at 10 a.m. and will leave for Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila at 4 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. Talma will leave for Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Osaka at 4 p.m. to-day.

MONEY AND MARKETS

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE WEEK

The market experienced a further decline in the past week, and a number of issues were dealt in at successively lower levels, China Lights, Hotels, Cements and Realties suffering the heavier setbacks, and closing practically at the lowest point.

Closing tone, with one or two exceptions, is generally easier.

Business Done During the Week.

Hong Kong Banks $1,645, $1,655, $1,660.
Union Insurances $515, $520, $532½/$540.
China Providents (New) $1.60.
Hotels (Old) $10.10, $10.20, $10, $10.05, $9.90, $9.60, $9.10.
Lands $76.
Humphreys $15.
Realties $7½, $7.40, $7½, $7.60, $7½.
Hong Kong Tramways $20½, $20½.
China Lights (Old) $14.40, $13.85, $14, $13/13.30.
China Lights (New) $12.80.
Electrics $76½, $75.
Macao Electrics $28.30.
Cements (Combined) $10.85, $10½, $10.70, $10½, $10.10, $9.90, $9½, $9.30, $9.20.
Dairy Farms $28.70, $28½.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14.60, Tls. 14.40, Tls. 14.30, Tls. 14.35.

CHANGES (3.15 p.m.) CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Buyers.

Douglases $20½.
Raubs $11 ex div.
Hotels (Old) $9.
Star Ferries $90½.
Electrics $74½.
Dairy Farms $28½.

Sellers.

Hong Kong Banks $1,660.
Macao Electrics $28.

Sales.

Hong Kong Banks $1,660.
Unions $532½/540.
Hotels (Old) $9.10.
China Lights (Old) $13/13.30.
Macao Electrics $29.30.
Dairy Farms $28½.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A.O.F.C. QUOTATIONS

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York: December 15

Dow Jones Averages:	High—1932	Low: Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Change
30 Industrials	88.78	41.22 61.93	61.16	.77 down
20 Rails	41.30	13.23 28.16	27.84	.32 down
20 Utilities	36.11	16.53 28.33	28.14	.19 down
40 Bonds	83.26	65.78 77.45	77.57	.12 up

E. A. Pierce and Co. Report. Trading sentiment has become substantially more dullish during the past few days, one reason being the indifference of the market to the French debt news. In spite of the reaction to-day, we still feel that the market will, in the next few days, make another attempt to get out of the trading range on the "upside".

Business Done: 1,150,000 shares.

1932 High	1932 Low	Div. $ Per Sh.		Last Sale Dec. 14	Last Sale Dec. 15
62½	31⅛	3.00	Air Reduction	$59½	$58½
87½	42⅝	6.00	Allied Chemical & Dye	82⅝	81½
73⅝	29⅝	4.00	American Can	55½	54⅝
137⅝	71½	9.00	American Tel. & Tel.	108½	107½
80½	44	5.00	American Tobacco "B"	60⅞	61⅛
18⅝	3	—	Anaconda Copper Mining	7½	7½
101½	28½	4.00	Auburn	47½	47⅝
43½	20⅜	2.00	Borden Company	25⅜	25⅜
20⅜	7½	—	Canadian Pacific	12⅝	13½
21	5	1.00	Chrysler Motors	17	16½
68⅜	31½	4.00	Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	59½	59⅜
57	23	4.00	Drugs, Inc.	33⅜	33⅜
59⅜	22⅜	2.00	Du Pont de Nemours	38⅛	38⅛
87⅜	36	3.00	Eastman Kodak	57⅞	57⅜
45½	5	6% s.	Electric Bond & Share	20½	19⅜
26⅜	8½	0.40	General Electric	16⅛	16½
40½	19⅜	2.00	General Foods	25	24½
24⅜	7⅜	1.00	General Motors	14	13⅞
24½	10⅜	1.00	Gillette Safety	18⅜	18⅜
39⅜	10⅜	1.20	International Harvester	23½	22⅜
14⅜	2⅜	—	International Tel. & Tel.	7⅜	7½
66½	39½	4.00	Liggett & Myers "B"	56⅞	57
36⅞	13½	3.60	Loew's Inc.	22½	22⅜
16½	3⅜	—	Montgomery Ward	14⅛	14
46⅞	20⅜	2.80	National Biscuit	41½	40⅞
37	10⅜	2.00	Pacific Gas & Electric	29½	29⅜
23⅜	6⅛	—	Pennsylvania Railway	15⅜	14⅞
12½	2⅜	—	Radio Corpn.	5⅛	5½
37⅜	9⅛	—	Sears Roebuck	21⅜	21
37½	19⅜	1.00	Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	30⅛	29⅞
12⅜	5½	0.40	Socony-Vacuum Corpn.	7½	7⅞
36⅜	15½	1.20	Union Carbide & Carbon	26⅜	26
94½	28	6.00	Union Pacific	73	72½
52⅜	21½	—	United States Steel	32½	31½
43½	15⅝	—	Westinghouse E. & M.	29½	28⅜

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LONDON EXCHANGE

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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New York	3.28⅝
Montreal	3.78½
Brussels	23.76½
Geneva	17.11
Amsterdam	8.18½
Milan	64 5/16
Berlin	13.81½
Stockholm	18.35
Copenhagen	19.30
Oslo	19 7/16
Vienna	27½ nom.
Prague	111
Helsingfors	228
Madrid	40⅜
Lisbon	109
Athens	600
Bucharest	557½
Belgrade	245
Rio	6⅛ nom.
Buenos Aires	Nominal
Montevideo	30 nom.
Bombay	1/6 11/64
Shanghai	1/8 5/16
Hong Kong	1/3⅛
Yokohama	1/3 5/16
Silver (Spot)	17 1/16
Silver (Forward)	17⅛
War Loan 3½ per cent.	98½

SILVER COIN SCARCITY IN CANTON

DUE TO EXPORT AND BANK HOARDING.

Canton.—The scarcity of silver coins in circulation during the past few months, which has severely effected the trade and commerce of the minor businesses in Canton, is said to be due to two reasons.

The first is the outshipment of coins by local bankers, estimated in excess of $50,000,000. This outflow of coinage from the city has not been balanced by a simultaneous inflow from other sources. Hence laws were passed recently to forbid the shipment of coins from Canton in excess of $50 per person.

The second cause is the depositing instead of loaning of money by the local banks. The withholding of silver by the banks has resulted in the buying and selling of Hong Kong exchange which requires unusually large reserves.

As the result of the premium on silver, old coins are finding circulation again. Premiums are offered for new coins, and paper notes are enjoying more popular use.

However, large scale business silver transaction which require coins in payment are made difficult by this shortage.

EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

December 16, 1932.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/3
Bank Bills, on demand	1/3⅛
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	1/3⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3⅛
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	21
Credits, 60 days' sight	22⅛
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	54⅞
Credits, 4 months' sight	55⅛
ON INDIA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	84⅛
Bank, on demand	84⅛
ON SHANGHAI:—	
On Demand	76
ON KOBE:—	
On demand	1/6
ON MANILA:—	
On demand	49
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand	57⅛
ON BATAVIA:—	
On demand	71
ON SAIGON:—	
On demand	54
ON BANGKOK:—	
On demand	45
SOVEREIGNS, Bank-Buying Rate	1/4⅛
BAR SILVER, per oz.	17 1/16

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AMERICAN BANK REFORM

DEMOCRATS SET TO WORK ON BILL

BRITISH SYSTEM MAY SERVE AS MODEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

Democratic financial experts in the House and Senate to-day began drafting a drastic banking reform bill designed to give American banking some of the strength if not the form of the British system which President Hoover praised in his annual message to Congress. Centralisation of power in the Federal Reserve Board and the authority to compel all banks in the nation to conform to the Federal Reserve requirements, is the keystone of the proposed bill.

Most of the banks that have failed in United States are banks chartered by the states and over which the Comptroller of Currency has no authority. Five-sixths of the failures have been those of state banks.

Limitation to be Removed.

The reform bill would permit national banks which are under the supervision of the Federal authorities to engage in branch banking. Hitherto this has been prohibited largely because of opposition from the state banks which declared they would be put out of business by the larger banks. The law would provide that the Central or parent bank provide adequate guarantees against lax methods in the branches. This provision would spell the doom of hundreds of small state banks that are unable to survive periods of depression. Leakage of commercial credits into stock speculation would prevented under the new bill.

Funds for Stock Speculation.

In the boom days prior to October, 1929, huge amount of funds made available to commercial interest was were used in stock speculation. This was proved by investigation of the Senate banking committee and his leakage showed another serious weakness in the banking system.

It was brought to public attention that there were more than 14,000 state and private banking institutions that were not subject to Federal control. Much of the leakage into speculative channels was through the state banks. Poor securities were accepted by these banks, and funds were used for speculation. When the crash came the securities were greatly reduced in value.

Real Estate Loans.

The bill proposed to-day would strictly limit the real estate loans that banks may make. The realty market was the first to feel the below of the depression. Mortgages could not be sold and foreclosures loaded the banks with farms, manufacturing plants and homes. The banks were compelled to enter the theatre, farming and motorcar manufacturing business in some cases. The result was a severe strain on some of the strongest banks in the country.

Separation of Commercial banks from security and investment institutions is also contemplated in the new bill. Up to now, the two types of banking have been affiliated in single institutions. The Federal Reserve authorities would have power to check carefully all operations of the chain banks.

Bringing state banks under Federal control, it was admitted presented a tough problem.—*United Press.*

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 17 to 23 1932.

Day of Week	Date	High Water	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Ht. in Metres	Low Water	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Ht. in Metres
			h. m.			h. m.	
Sat.	17	12 45	4.6		06 36	1.1	
		23 20	7.8		18 10	4.8	
Sun.	18	—	—		07 20	1.1	
		12 35	4.6		14 50	4.4	
Mon.	19	00 04	7.6		08 05	1.5	
		13 00	4.7		17 40	4.4	
Tues.	20	00 50	7.0		08 50	1.9	
		13 35	4.9		19 23	4.3	
Wed.	21	01 44	6.3		09 54	2.3	
		16 14	5.3		21 51	4.2	
Thur.	22	02 51	5.4		11 20	2.7	
		16 55	5.7		21 30	3.5	
Fri.	23	04 35	4.8		11 15	3.0	
		17 07	5.1				

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	FRIDAY, DEC. 16.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
...	...	$1,655	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	$1,655
...	...	...	£116½	Do. (London)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	£12⅜	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	$14
...	...	...	£23½	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	$23½
...	...	...	£9⅛	Do. "C"	...	...	...	£9⅛
...	...	...	$108	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	$106½
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Banks	$7.35	...	...	...
...	...	...	$28	Am. O. Fin. Corp. M	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.6	China Fin. Corp. Ord.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.6.60	Do. Pref.	...	...	...	...
				Insurances				
...	...	...	$1.23	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	$ .30
...	...	...	$2.80	Underwriters	...	...	...	$2.90
$537½	...	...	...	Union Insurances	$525	...	...	...
...	...	...	$520	China Fires	...	...	...	$525
...	...	...	$1,190	H.K. Fires	...	...	...	$1,210
...	...	...	T.4.15	International Assce.	...	...	...	...
				Shipping				
$16½	...	...	...	Douglases	$20½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$23½	Steamboats	...	...	...	$22
...	...	...	$46	Indos (pref.)	...	...	...	65/-
...	...	...	$32	Do. (def.)	...	...	...	80/-
...	...	...	48/9	Shells	...	...	...	48/-
...	...	...	$20½	Waterboats	$16½	...	...	...
				Mining				
...	...	...	$18½	Benguets	...	...	...	$18
...	...	...	$4.20	Venezuela Gold Fds.	...	...	...	$4.15
...	...	...	26/3	Kaitana	...	...	...	25/-
...	...	...	T.4	Langkat (ordinaire)	...	...	...	T.4
...	...	...	T2.10	Explorations	...	...	...	T.2
...	...	...	T2.30	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	T.2½
...	...	...	...	Realty	...	...	...	T.½
$11½	...	...	...	Tronoh Mines	...	...	...	$11.30
22 cts	...	...	...	Benguet Explorations	...	...	...	16.6
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
...	...	...	$143	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	$144	...	...
...	...	...	$4½	Providents (old)	...	...	...	$4.60
...	...	...	$1.60	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$1.80
...	...	...	$24	H.K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	27
...	...	...	$10	S. China Motors "A"	...	...	...	10
...	...	...	$8	Do. "B"	...	...	...	$8
...	...	...	T.96	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	T.9½
...	...	...	T6.20	New Engineerings	...	...	...	T6.30
...	...	...	T.225	Hongkews	...	...	...	...
				Lands, Hotels, and Buildings				
...	$9.45	$9.60	...	H.K. Hotels (old)	...	...	9.5	9.55
...	$8.90	...	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$9
...	...	$76	...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	$78
...	...	...	T.25½	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10	Metropolitan Lands	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$7.30	H.K. Realties	...	...	$7.40	...
...	...	...	T11.40	China Do	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	L.99½	Do. Debentures	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$15	Humphreys	$14.80	...	...	...
...	...	...	M$140	Asia Realties "A"	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	M$28	Do. "B"	...	...	...	...
$98	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
				Cotton Mills				
T14.35	...	14.30/.35		Ewos	T.4.35	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.73½	Shai Cottons	...	...	...	T.75
...	...	...	T.11½	Zoong Sings	...	...	...	T.11½
...	...	...	$130	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	$148
				Public Utilities				
...	...	$20½	...	Trahways	...	...	...	$20.65
...	...	...	$15½	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...	$15½
...	...	...	$8	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$7½
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries	...	$91½	...	...
...	...	...	$24½	Yaumati Ferries (old)	...	cum Rights	...	$24½
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	...	$33½	...	$34
...	...	...	$13.30	China Lights (old)	$13.10	...	13.15/.20	...
...	...	$12.80	...	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$13
...	...	$75	...	H.K. Electrics	...	...	$75	...
$28.30	...	...	...	Macao do.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$13	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$30	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	$28
$25½	...	...	...	Do. (new)	$25½	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10	China Buses	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2/-	Tractions	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	12/-	Do. (pref.)	...	...	...	...
				Industrials				
...	$27½	...	...	Malabon Sugars	...	...	...	$25
...	...	...	T.14	Caldbeck, (ord.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10½	Macgregors (pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$6	Canton Ice	...	...	...	$6.0
...	...	$8.30/.30	...	Cements (combd.)	$8.25	$8.30	...	...
...	...	...	$8½	Do. (old)	...	...	...	$8
...	...	...	$1.60	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$1½
...	...	...	$11	Ropes	...	...	...	$10½
...	$8	...	...	Ch. Agriculture	...	...	...	...
				Miscellaneous				
...	...	...	$22½	Dairy Farms	$28½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$1	Der A Wings	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$16½	Amusements	...	$16½	...	...
...	...	...	$13.40	Ch. Estainments	$13½	...	...	...
...	$6½	...	...	Constructions, (old)	...	...	...	$6.15
...	...	...	$1.40	Do. (new)	$1.30	...	...	...
...	...	...	$5.40	Lane Crawfords	...	...	...	$5.35
...	...	...	$21	Mackintoshs	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	$4½
...	...	...	$15½	Sincères	...	...	...	$15.40
...	...	...	$12½	Watsons (old)	...	...	...	$12½
...	...	...	$11.40	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$12½
...	...	...	$3.35	Wm. Fowells	...	...	...	$3.30
...	...	...	$10	M. Greyhounds	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$9½	S. C. Enterprises	...	...	...	$9½
...	...	...	T.5½	United Theatres	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	69%	B. Ind. G.S Bonds	...	...	...	70%
24%	prem.	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loans	$102½	...	...	...
...	$10	...	...	Wallace Harper	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$10	China Sports Ltd.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$225	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	$235
...	...	...	...	S'hai Do.	...	...	...	$215

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Athos II, Messageries', Dec. 21.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 23.
Automedon, B. & S., Feb. 17.
Benarty, Gibb's, Dec. 19.
Burdwan, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Calchas, B. & S., Jan. 29.
Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 18.
Carthage, P. & O., Dec. 29.
Chenonceaux, Messageries', Dec. 20.
Chichibuy Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22
Coblenz, Melchers', Feb. 10.
Conte Verde, Dodwell's, Jan. 1.
Corfu, P. & O., Feb. 9.
Dardanus, B. & S., Feb. 11.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 21.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 6.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 19.
Ermland, Jebsen, Dec. 24.
Formosa, Gilman's, Jan. 26.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.
Friderun, Melchers', Dec. 24.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30.
Glaucus, B. & S., Feb. 11.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 23.
Hankow Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30.
Havel, Melcher's, Dec. 29.
Hector, B. & S., Feb. 4.
Ixion, B. & S., Feb. 8.
Java, Manners, Dec. 29.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 23.
Laomedon, B. & S., Feb. 9.
Leverkusen, Jebsen, Jan. 7.
Machaon, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Maron, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Marin Sanuto, Dodwell's, Jan. 4.
Medon, B. & S., Jan. 2.
Memnon, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Menelaus, B. & S., Jan. 24.
Muroran Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Naldera, P. & O., Jan. 12.
Nankin, E.A.S.S. Co., Dec. 29.
Nellore, E. & A.S.N. Co., Jan. 4
Peiping, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Perseus, B. & S., Jan. 2.
Phemius, B. & S., Feb. 10.
Philoctetes, B. & S., Feb. 26.
Pres. Adams, Dollar's, Feb. 17.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, Dec. 26.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar's, Jan. 20.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, Jan. 23.
Pres. Jackson, Dollar's, Feb. 6.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M. Line, Dec. 17.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, Dec. 19.
Pres. Madison, A.M. Line, Dec. 30.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, Feb. 20.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar's, Dec. 23.
Pres. Polk, Dollar's, Feb. 3.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 6.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar's, Jan. 9.
Protesilaus, B. & S., Jan. 19.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 26.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 24.
Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Santhia, B.I.S.N. Co., Dec. 28.
Sarpedon, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Siddhana, B.I.S.N. Co., Jan. 25.
Somali, P. & O., Jan. 24.
Soochow, B. & S., Dec. 17.
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Takada, B.I.S.N. Co., Jan. 11.
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Trier, Melchers, Dec. 20.
Troilus, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Tyndareus, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 19

Weekly Sailings Transpacific

To San Francisco, Los Angeles & New York via Panama

Fortnightly sailings on Wednesdays
Pres. Lincoln ..... Dec. 21, 3 a.m.
Pres. Coolidge ..... Jan. 4
Pres. Wilson ..... Jan. 18
Pres. Hoover ..... Feb. 1
Pres. Jackson ..... Feb. 15

To Seattle and Victoria

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Pres. Madison ..... Jan. 7
Pres. Cleveland ..... Jan. 21
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8 a.m.
Pres. Monroe ..... Dec. 24
Pres. Van Buren ..... Jan. 7

8 a.m.
Pres. Garfield ..... Jan. 21
Pres. Hoover ..... Jan. 24

TO MANILA

Next Sailing .....Pres. Jefferson Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

Pres. Monroe ..... Dec. 24
Pres. Coolidge ..... Dec. 27
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Heiyo Maru	G$558	—	G$350
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Chichibu Maru	"	"	—
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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 16

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.19	30.28	30.14
Temperature	65	61	61
Humidity...	28	31	47
Wind—			
Direction	N	NNE	E
Force ...	3	3	3
Weather ...	B	B	B
Rain	0.0	0.0	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 16.65
Lowest open-air Temperature, 16.13

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "BANCHI."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 15TH DEC., 1932.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six Hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

Consignees are specially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 4th January, 1933, or they will not be recognized.

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	"NORVIKEN"	Wed., 21st Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"DAVIKEN"	Sun., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"SOLVIKEN"	Wed., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY & KOBE ...	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA ...	"SUISANG"	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at Noon
	"KUTSANG"	Sun., 8th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 29th Dec., at Noon
	"HINSANG"	Satur., 7th Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, FOOCHOW & CHEFOO.	"YATSHING"	Wed., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"HOPSANG"	Wed., 4th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI DIRECT ...	"KWAISANG"	Tues., 27th Dec., at 7 a.m.

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S.S. "CONTE VERDE" ...	1st Jan., 33	11th Jan., 33
M.V. "MARIN SANUTO"	4th Jan., 33	1st Feb., 33

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "M I N."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON THURSDAY, THE 15TH DEC., 1932.

FROM DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, &c. VIA SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 Days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Undersigned before the Saturday, the 24th Dec., 1932, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for Examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 22nd Dec., 1932.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1932. [2359

SILVER LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "SILVERYEW" having arrived from the above Port on 13th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on Monday, 19th instant at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to Rent.

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NORTH CHINA & JAPAN		
— ...(NDL) M.S. "TRAVE" ...	19th Dec.	Genoa, Mar., Adam, R'dam, H'burg, Bremen
— ...(HAL) S.S. "OLDENBURG" ...	27th Dec.	Genoa, Marseilles, A'twerp, R'dam, Hamburg
— ...(NDL) S.S. "ALLER" ...	31st Dec.	Genoa, Mar, Oran, C'blanca, A'dam, R'dam, H'burg, B'men.
— ...(NDL) S.S. "ALSTER" ...	5th Jan.	Tripoli, Mar, Oran, R'dam, H'burg Bremen
— ...(HAL) M.S. "SAUERLAND" ...	7th Jan.	Genoa, Barcelona, Rotterdam, Hamburg.
— ...(NDL) S.S. "TRIER" ...	14th Jan.	Genoa, Barcelona, L'bon. A'dam. H'burg. B'men.
19th/20th Dec...(NDL) S.S. "ERMLAND" ...	23rd Jan.	Genoa, R'dam, Hamburg
24th Dec...(HAL) M.S. "HERCULES" ...	26th Jan.	M'lles. C'blanca. A'dam. R'dam. H'burg. B'men.
29th Dec...(NDL) M.S. "HAVEL" ...	26th Jan.	Genoa, Rotterdam, Hamburg
7th Jan...(HAL) M.S. "LEVERKUSEN" ...	5th Feb.	

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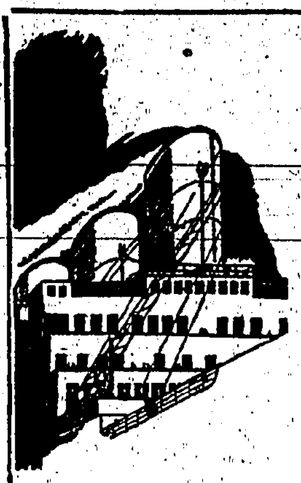

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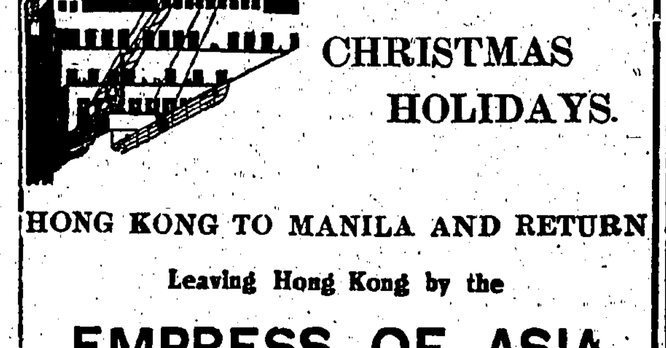

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ASAMA MARU	... ...	Wednesday, 11th Jan.
TAIYO MARU	... ...	Saturday, 21st Jan.
CHICHIBU MARU	... ...	Wednesday, 8th Feb.

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

HIYE MARU	... ...	Starts from Kobe ... 28th Dec.
HEIAN MARU	...	(Starts from Kobe) Saturday, 21st Jan.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.

KATORI MARU	... ...	Saturday, 24th Dec.
KASHIMA MARU	... ...	Saturday, 7th Jan.
YASUKUNI MARU	... ...	Friday, 20th Jan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports

ATSUTA MARU	... ...	Saturday, 24th Dec.
KAMO MARU	... ...	Saturday, 21st Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

† NAGATO MARU	... ...	Thursday, 29th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

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† DURBAN MARU	... ...	Tuesday, 17th Jan.

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† YAMAGATA MARU	... ...	Saturday, 17th Dec.
† RANGOON MARU	... ...	Thursday, 29th Dec.

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ATHOS II	... 3rd Jan.	D'ARTAGNAN	... 4th Jan.
D'ARTAGNAN	... 17th Jan.	ANDRE LEBON	... 18th Jan.
ANDRE LEBON	... 31st Jan.	FELIX ROUSSEL	... 1st Feb.
FELIX ROUSSEL	... 14th Feb.	G. METZINGER	... 14th Feb.
G. METZINGER	... 28th Feb.	PORTHOS	... 28th Feb.
PORTHOS	... 14th Mar.	ARAMIS	... 14th Mar.
ARAMIS	... 28th Mar.	CHENONCEAUX	... 28th Mar.
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Shipping News

Daily Statement. Clearances. Ships In Harbour, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 24,342 TONS—

THROUGH PORTS 21,616 TONS.

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British		
Pulpit Point, San Pedro	7,500	4,500
Suiyang, Tsingtao	320	320
Chaksang, Tsingtao	220	1,090
Ranpura, Yokohama	60	2,990
Talma, Calcutta	1,714	4,114
Kutsang, Calcutta	1,104	1,680
Anshun, Singapore	1,600	50
Ranchi, London	1,030	1,433
	13,557	16,367
French		
Min, Dunkirk	469	116
Henri Riveire, Haiphong	2,700	800
	3,169	916
Dutch		
Tjibadak, Sourabaya	2,781	4,333
	2,781	4,333
Norwegian		
Produce, K.C. Wan	260	—
	260	—
Portuguese		
Wing Wo, K.C. Wan	300	—
	300	—
Japanese		
Shogun Maru, Miike	4,227	—
	4,227	—
Chinese		
Stanley, Swabue	28	—
	28	—
Total	24,342	21,616

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Suiyang, British, Tsingtao, Swatow	149
Chaksan, British, Tsingtao, Swatow	10
Talma, British, Calcutta, Singapore	897
Kutsang, British, Calcutta, Singapore	202
Aushun, British, Singapore, Amoy	22
Henri Riviere, French, Haiphong, Pakhoi	231
Tjibadak, Dutch, Sourabaya, Muntok	919
Stanley, Chinese, Swabue	175
Total	2,405

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	7
French	2	1
Dutch	1	2
Norwegian	1	1
Portuguese	1	0
Japanese	1	2
Chinese	2	2
Total	16	15

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchants ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.

Kowloon:—Ranpura, Empress of Japan, Kutsang, Min, Talma, and Selandia.

China Merchants:—Produce.

Jardine, Matheson's:—Kwai Sang.

O.S.K.:—Canton Maru.

Douglas Lapraik:—Haiyang.

Saikong:—Wing Wo.

Docks.

Kowloon:—Semiramis, Limchow, Ardent, Scalaria, Glenshane.

Taikoo:—Henrik, Veneria, Taishan, Charles Hardouin.

Buoys.

No. A1.—Changte.
No. A2.—Tjibadak.
No. A4.—Tantalus.
No. A5.—Comdt. Henri Riviere.
No. A6.—Bengal Maru.
No. A8.—Kwong Nam.
No. B3.—Kwaiyang.
No. B4.—Wong Shek Kung.
No. B5.—Sagres.
No. B9.—Michael Jebsen.
No. B10.—Hermod.
No. B11.—Hellas.
No. B14.—Kingyuan.
No. B15.—Kalgan.
No. B17.—Halldor.
No. B18.—Halpis.
No. B20.—Tean.
No. B21.—Aushun.
No. B23.—Shogan Maru.
No. B25.—Takao Maru.
No. C2.—Albert Sarraut
No. C3.—Tsang Woo.
No. C4.—Wing Chow.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin.—Tamar.

South Wall.—Wren.

East Wall.—Herald, Sandwich.

North Arm.—Keppel, Witch, Verity, Wild Swan.

West Wall.—Kent, Veteran, Wishart.

Dock.—Oswald, Osiris, Seamew.

No. 1 Buoy.—Hermes.

No. 2 Buoy.—Medway and submarines.

No. 3 Buoy.—Suffolk.

No. 6 Buoy.—Cornwall.

No. 8 Buoy.—Bruce.

Foreign Warship.

U.S. gunboat Fulton.

CLEARANCES.

December 16.

Ardent, for Bangkok.
Bengal Maru, for Singapore.
Emp. of Japan, for Shanghai.
Haiyang, for Swatow.
Hangsang, for Swatow.
Kingyuan, for Hoihow.
Min, for Haiphong.
Ranchi, for Shanghai.
Seistan, for Swatow.
Selandia for Shanghai.
Shun Kong, for Bangkok.
Svale, for Saigon.
Taiyang, for Shanghai.
Takao Maru, for Table Island.
Tjibadak, for Amoy.
Yingchow, for Tientsin.

PASSENGERS

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by the P. & O. s.s. Ranpura from the North:—Mr. C. R. Barlow, Miss N. Brown, Miss P. Brownell, Master C. Brownell, Miss B. Bercovitz, Mr. N. Bercovitz, Mr. J. Bercovitz, Miss E. Burford, Miss B. Ballantine, Mr. Chin Wai Sheng, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Colquhoun, Mr. A. M. Cobbett, Miss J. Cadbury, Mr. W. Dykes, Mrs. A. Deane, Mr. C. K. Hunng, Mr. E. S. Hamilton, Capt. J. W. Hinchcliffe, Mr. J. Hofmann, Miss C. Hofmann, Master R. Lockwood, Miss M. Lockwood, Mr. H. Lloyd, Mr. Y. L. Lee, Mr. S. S. Lee, Mr. S. W. Lee, Mr. T. C. Lin, Miss C. Leavell, Miss M. Laird, Lt.-Comdr. F. M. Mason, R.N., Mrs. Mason, Mrs. G. Myers, Miss M. Miller, Mrs. Monkman, Miss Monkman, Mr. C. G. Melchers, Miss A. March, Miss J. MacDonald, Mr. F. A. Page, Miss M. G. Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rose, Mr. M. L. Rousseau, Miss P. Smith, Lt. J. Snow, Mr. T. Shah, Lt. Scott, Mr. S. H. Sien, Mr. Fung Chuan Shao, Col. M. K. Smith, Mr. F. D. Savul, Mr. C. P. Tang, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Daniel Thomas, Mr. H. Thomson, Mr. G. Urquhart, Miss C. Wharington, Mr. A. Wertheim, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. H. Walter, Rev. W. H. Webb, Mr. R. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Warren and three children, Miss J. Walline, Miss E. Young.

ARRIVALS.

December 16.

Ct. Henri Riviere, French str., 1,365 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A5.—Sing Kee.

Kutsang, British str., 3,643 tons, Capt. Mooney, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J.M. & Co.

Kweiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Hoihow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Michael Jebsen, Danish str., 1,343 tons, Capt. Chaysen, from Hoihow, buoy No. B9.—Chiu Seng Hong.

Talma, British str., 6,184 tons, Capt. J. G. Lindon, from Singapore, buoy No. A3.—M.M. & Co.

December 16.

Anshun, British str., 1,869 tons, Capt. J. A. McCulloch, from Amoy, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Haldis, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. W. J. Freer, from Swatow, buoy No. B18.—Wo Fat Sing.

Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. W. Jenkins, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Meerkerk, Dutch str., 4,886 tons, Capt. Dyk A. Van, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Ranpura, British str., 9,331 tons, Capt. G. H. S. Furlong, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M. & Co.

Seistan, British str., 1,871 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Hoihow, buoy No. A16.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Taiyang, Norwegian str., 3,903 tons, Capt. Krafft, from Manila, buoy No. A3.—Dodwell & Co.

Tsang Woo, Chinese str., 1,049 tons, Capt. Eiuarsen, from Hoihow, buoy No. B22.—Chau Yue Teng.

Ward, American str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. F. Evans, from Shanghai, Socony Wharf.—States S.S. Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. Harris-Walker, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—B. & S.

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(Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

Steamship	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"RANPURA"	17,000	17th Dec., Noon	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	12,000	31st Dec.	do.
		1933	
*† "SOUDAN"	6,800	7th Jan	B'bay., Mars., Havre, L'don., H'bg., R'dm., A'werp. & Hull
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,700	14th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"RANCHI"	17,000	14th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"CARTHAGE"	14,000	28th Jan.	do.
†*"BURDWAN"	6,100	4th Feb.	Bombay, Mars., Havre, L'don., R'bg., h'dm., A'werp. & Hull.
"NALDERA"	16,000	11th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	25th Feb.	do.
"CORFU"	15,000	11th Mar.	do.
"COMORIN"	15,000	25th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	17,000	8th Apr.	do.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	22nd Apr.	do.

* Cargo only. † Calls Casablanca.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piraeus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA—APCAR SAILINGS

*"TILAWA"	10,000	28th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
*"TALMA"	10,000	10th Jan.	do.
*"SANTHIA"	8,000	23rd Jan.	do.

* Calls at Rangoon.

B.I.—Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"NANKIN"	7,000	31st Dec.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane Sydney and Melbourne.
"NELLORE"	7,000	1st Feb.	
"TANDA"	7,000	3rd Mar.	

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan and Hong Kong to Australia.

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The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via Suez,

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TALMA"	10,000	17th Dec., 4 p.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*"BURDWAN"	6,500	29th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTHIA"	8,000	20th Dec.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"CARTHAGE"	14,000	30th Dec.	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
		1933	
"NELLORE"	7,000	5th Jan.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"TAKADA"	7,000	18th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"NALDERA"	16,000	13th Jan.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*"SOMALI"	6,800	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Y'hama
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	27th Jan.	do.
"CORFU"	15,000	10th Feb.	do.
*"BANGALORE"	6,500	23rd Feb.	do.
"COMORIN"	15,000	24th Feb.	do.
"RANPURA"	17,000	10th Mar.	do.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	23rd Mar.	do.

* Cargo only.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans or Punka Louvre Ventilation.

Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.

Parcels measuring not more than 5 c. ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

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(with limited, but exceptionally good passenger accommodation.

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via MANILA AND STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

M.V. "TAMARA"	Sailing about 23rd Dec.
M.V. "PEIPING"	20th Jan.

OUTWARDS

To SHANGHAI AND JAVAN PORTS.

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M.V. "FORMOSA"	24th Jan.

PASSENGER RATES: {Hong Kong to Genoa/Marseilles ... £37
Hong Kong to 1st North Continental Port ... £34

Agents.—GILMAN & CO., LTD. 6 & 7, Huyton Hong Kong.

THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL & SAVINGS BANK, LTD.
Established 1931.

Authorised Capital ..... $ 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital ..... $ 2,574,100
Reserve Fund ..... $ 210,001
Total Resources $18,500,000

Head Office:
144-150, Des Voeux Rd., C., Hong Kong
Branches:
Canton, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow.
Domestic correspondents at all principal Cities in China.
FOREIGN BANKERS:
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Trust Co.
San Francisco: Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co.
Singapore: Chinese Commercial Bank Ltd.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE & BANKING BUSINESS of every description transacted.
Current and Savings Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received on terms which will be quoted on application.
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WONG KWOK SHUEN,
Chief Manager.

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Authorised Capital ..... Gldn 100,000,000.00
Paid up Capita ..... Glds 1-55 ,00,000.00
Reserve Fun ... Glds. 28, 00.00

Head Office:—AMSTERDAM.
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Branches in Dutch East Indies India, Singapore China and Japan.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Current Accounts, Deposits, etc.
J. M. MORHAUS,
Actg. Manager.

YIEN YIEH COMMERCIAL BANK.
Hongkong Branch:
236-238, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Telephone Nos. 21022 & 21129
Head Office: TIENTSIN.

Authorized Capital $10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 7,500 000,00
Reserve Funds 5,094,762,72

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ALL VESSELS HAVE EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION FOR 12 PASSENGERS

	Time in Transit	Fares
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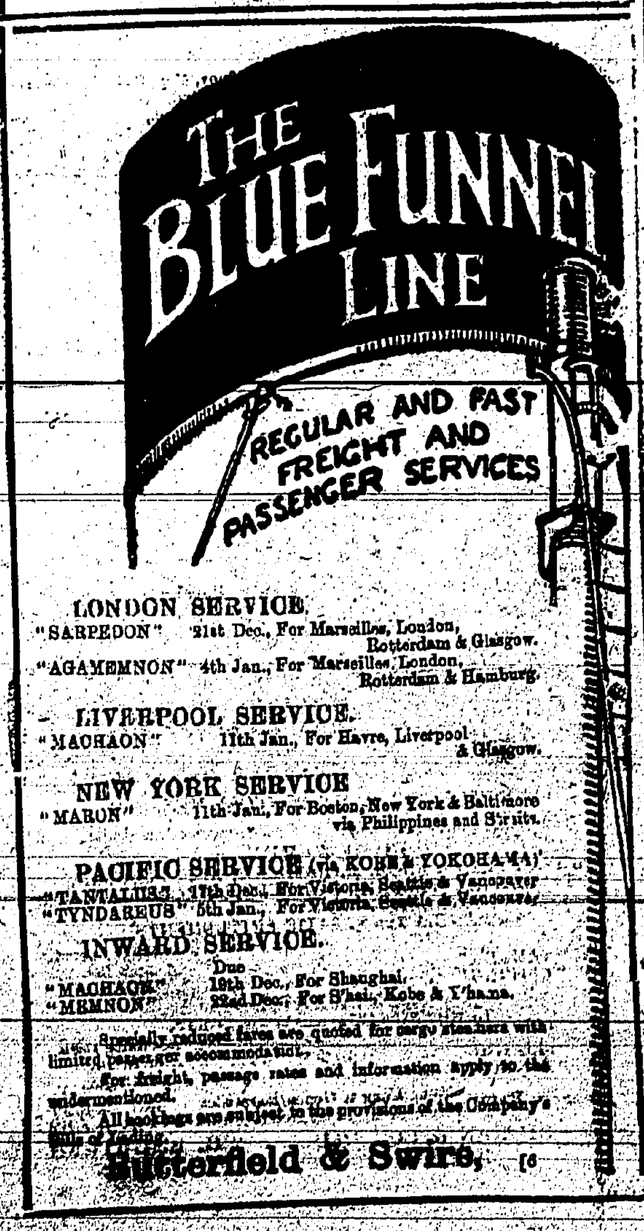
Queen's Buildings. AGENTS. Telephone 28061.



LONDON SERVICE.
"SARPEDON" 21st Dec., For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.
"AGAMEMNON" 4th Jan., For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
LIVERPOOL SERVICE.
"MACHAON" 11th Jan., For Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
NEW YORK SERVICE
"MARON" 11th Jan., For Boston, New York & Baltimore via Philippines and Straits.
PACIFIC SERVICE (Via KOBE & YOKOHAMA)
"TANTALUS" 17th Dec., For Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
"TYNDAREUS" 5th Jan., For Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
INWARD SERVICE.
Due
"MACHAON" 19th Dec., For Shanghai.
"MEMNON" 22nd Dec., For S'hai., Kobe & Y'hama.
Specially reduced fares are quoted for cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation.
For freight, passage rates and information apply to the undermentioned.
All bookings are subject to the provisions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
Butterfield & Swire, [6

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital $30,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-up... $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £6,600,000
Silver $10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

Head Office:—Hong Kong.

Board of Directors:
Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman.
T. E. Pearce, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell.
A. H. Compton, Esq.
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J. A. Plummer, Esq.
T. H. R. Shaw, Esq.
J. P. Warren, Esq.
Chief Manager:
V. M. Grayburn, Esq.

Branches:—

Amoy	Iloilo	Peiping
Bangkok	Ipoh	Penang
Batavia	Johore	Rangoon
Bombay	Kobe	Saigon
Calcutta	Kowloon	San Francisco
Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Chefoo	London	Singapore
Colombo	Lyons	Sourabaya
Dairen	Malacca	Sungei Patani
Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Muar	Tokyo
Hamburg	(Johore)	Tsingtao
Hankow	Mukden	Yokohama
Harbin	New York	
Hongkew		

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932. [26

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1932. [2

THE CHASE BANK.
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An American Bank offering complete Foreign Banking Service in the principal Markets of the world.
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D. M. BIGGAR,
Manager.

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(NETHERLANDS TRADING-SOCIETY.)
BANKERS
Established 1824.
HONG KONG OFFICE: 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Authorised Capital.....f.150,000,000-
Paid-Up Capital.....f. 80,030,000-
Reserve Fund .....f. 20,015,000.

Head Office:—Amsterdam.*
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BRANCHES:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng,* Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta,* The Hague,* Jiddah, Kota Makassar, Medan, Palembang, Pekalongan, Samarang, Sanoran Ketjar, dam,* Samarang,* Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaia, Soesoeruta (Solo), Tegal* Tjilatjap and Weltevreden.
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London Bankers:—
National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.
A. STOKKINK,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 21st June, 1932. [30

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.
Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £3,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

Agencies and Branches:—

Alor Star	Iloilo	Saigon
Amritsar	Ipoh	Semarang
Bangkok	Karachi	Seremban
Batavia	Klang	Shanghai
Bombay	Kobe	Singapore
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Sitiawan
Canton	Kuala Pilah	Sourabaya
Cawnpore	Kuching	Taiping
Cebu	Madras	Tientsin
Colombo	Manila	Tongkah (Siamese)
Delhi	Medan	Trinidad
Haiphong	New York	Yokohama
Hamburg	Penang	Zamboanga
Hankow	(Swatow)	
Harbin	Penang	
Hong Kong	Rangoon	

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. BRADLEY,
Manager.
Hong Kong, Nov. 17th, 1932 [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE
(Incorporated in France).
Prince's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

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Capital, fully paid-up	50,000,000
Special Working Capital.	50,000,000
Reserves	33,337,000

Branches:—

Paris	Lyon	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Tourane	Phnom Penh	Hue
Peiping	Shanghai	Tientsin
	Hong Kong	

Bankers:
France: Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, Société Générale.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Trust Co., Banca Commerciale Italiana.
San Francisco: Bank of America, National Trust and Savings Association.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. L. BRUSSET,
Acting Manager
Hong Kong, 17th Oct., 93.

BANK OF CHINA.
Reorganized October 26, 1928, under special charter of The National Government as an
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK.

Subscribed Capital.....$25,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital.....$24,710,200.00
Reserve Funds $4,830,503.83

Head Office:—Shanghai.
Hong Kong Branch:
4, Queen's Road Central.
Owing to our numerous branches in China and large connections in the important commercial centres of the world, we are able to extend to our clients special facilities for domestic and foreign banking and exchange.
We also handle the issue of Bonds and other Public Funds of the Chinese Government both at home and abroad.
SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.

THE HO HONG BANK, LTD.
(Established 1917.)
Head Office:—SINGAPORE.
Local Branch:—13, Queen's Rd. C.

Authorised Capital ...Straits $20,000,000
Issued ,, ,, $8,000,000
Paid-up ,, ,, $4,000,000
Reserve Liabilities of Shareholders ..... ,, $4,000,000

Branches and Agencies in the principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
CHUA KEH HAI,
Manager.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Head Office: Hong Kong.
Hong Kong Currency.
Authorised Capital...$11,000,000
Paid-up Capital 8,565,600
Reserve Fund 1,100,000
Branches:—
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.
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WOK POON KHAN,
Manager.

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Head Office
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Capital ..... U.S.$6,000,000.00
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Antwerp	Florence	Luxor	Rotterdam
Athens	Geneva	Marseilles	Rome
Basle	Genoa	Monte Carlo	Stamboul
Berlin	Glasgow	Manila	Shanghai
Biarritz	Havana	Munich	Southampton
Bombay	Hamburg	Montreux	
Bremen	Havre	Milan	Singapore
Brussels	Interlaken	Naples	St Moritz
Buenos Aires	Jerusalem	Nice	Tientsin
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Authorized Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,600,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest....£1,217,927

Bankers:
The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Batavia	Kandy	Madras
Bangkok	Karachi	New York
Bombay	Kota Bharu	Penang
Calcutta	Kuala Lipis (Pahang)	Port Louis (Mauritius)
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Delhi	Kuantan (Pahang)	Shanghai
Galle	Lahore	Simla
Hong Kong	Medan	Singapore
Howrah	Moulmein	Sourabaya
Ipoh		

Hong Kong Branch:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Travellers Cheques issued.
Trustee and Executorships undertaken.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
J. B. ROSS
Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 7th April, 1932. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
Capital (fully paid up) Yen 100,000,000.
Reserve Fund .....Yen 118,450,000.
Head Office: Yokohama.
Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rio de Janeiro
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Rangoon
Berlin	Karachi	Seerabaya
Bombay	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Los Angales	Semarang
Changchun	Manila	Shanghai
Dairen	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
(Dalny)	Nagoya	Singapore
Fengtien	Newchwang	Sydney
(Mukden)	New York	Tientsin
Hamburg	Osaka	Tokyo
Hankow	Paris	Tsingtao
Harbin	Peiping	
Hong Kong		

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, Sept. 12, 1932. [35

THE EAST ASIA, LTD.
Established 1918.
HEAD OFFICE:
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CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ... ... over H. $8,000,000.00
TOTAL RESOURCES ... ... over H.$40,000,000.00
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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

FOREIGN MAILS

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X L T Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December 1932 to 6th January 1933, both dates inclusive.
(a) The charge for telegrams to Shanghai and Coast Ports will be based on one quarter the ordinary rate and to other places on one-third the ordinary rate.
(b) The Minimum charge for all places will be for ten words.
Full particulars may be had on application to the Radio Office.

SAIGON-MARSEILLES AIR MAIL SERVICES.

Letters will be accepted for transmission by the above-mentioned Air Mail Service to the destinations specified. Registered letters may be sent by this service but not insured letters.
The rates charged will be the regular postage rate plus the special air mail premium as indicated in the following table:—

Destination	Charge Rate per ½ ounce
Saigon-Marseilles Air Mail Service.	
Siam (Bangkok)	$ 0.15
Burma (Rangoon)	0.25
India (Calcutta)	0.35
Persia (Djask)	0.75
Persia (Bushire)	0.85
Iraq (Bagdad)	0.95
Palestine (Beyrouth)	1.05
Greece (Athens)	1.20
Italy (Naples)	1.35
France (Marseilles)	1.35
Great Britain & Irish Free State (London)	1.35
Europe, other countries (Marseilles for onward transmission by rail)	1.35

The air mail for each country will be landed at the place named in brackets.
THE AIR MAIL SERVICE from SAIGON to EUROPE is weekly.
The HONG KONG-SAIGON connection will be maintained by the regular fortnightly sailing of the FRENCH mail steamers and on alternate weeks by any available steamers that can make the connection at SAIGON.
Letters for this route should be marked "Saigon-Marseilles Air Mail Service" and handed in at the G.P.O. or Kowloon Post Office.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 26th November)	*Pres. Jefferson*	17th Dec.
Shanghai and Swatow	*Soochow*	17th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln*	18th Dec.
Straits	*Machaon*	19th Dec.
Shanghai	*Sarpedon*	20th Dec.
Shanghai	*Chenonceaux*	20th Dec
Saigon	*Athos II*	21st Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 3rd December)	*Empress of Asia*	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	*Kamo Maru*	21st Dec.
Straits	*Memnon*	22nd Dec.
Straits	*Hakone Maru*	22nd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	*Kaiser Maru*	23rd Dec.
Japan	*Asuta Maru*	23rd Dec.
Japan	*Buenos Aires Maru*	23rd Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th November)	*Pres. Monroe*	23rd Dec.
Amoy	*Tilawa*	26th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to closed at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
		Saturday, 17th, 6.30 A.M.
Fort Bayard	*Wing Wo*	Reg. 9.15 A.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., *Central and *South America and *EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 9th Jan. 1933 and *EUROPE via Siberia	*Tantalus* ...	Letters 10.00 A.M. Kowloon P.O. Reg. 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M. G.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th January, 1933	*Ranpura* ...	Reg. 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Amoy and Japan	*Talma*	2.30 P.M.
Foochow	*Huichow*	5.00 P.M.
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson* ..	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	*Hellas*	Sunday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Canton Maru* ...	9.00 A.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kaigau*	Monday, 19th, 11.30 A.M.
Swatow	*Hydrangea* ...	3.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 21st December	*Changte*	Par. 10th, 5.00 P.M. Reg. 10th, 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Batavia	*Tjikarang*	Tuesday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
Letters for "Saigon—Marseilles Air Mail Service" ...	Chenonceaux	K.P.O. Reg. 11.00 A.M. Let. 11.00 A.M. G.P.O. Reg. 11.30 A.M. Let. Noon.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, *Egypt and *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January 1933	*Chenonceaux* ...	Kowloon P.O. Reg. 10.00 A.M. Letters 1.00 P.M. G.P.O. Reg. 12.45 P.M. Letters 1.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	*Haiching*	1.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Tonkin*	1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, C. and S. America, and *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 10th January 1933	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	Parcels 2.00 P.M. Reg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Swatow	*Norviken*	5.00 P.M.
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NEW LAWS OF BRIDGE.

A THREE-NATION CODE
MANY DIFFERENCES RECONCILED

The following explanation of the changes in the Laws of Bridge, which have been promulgated by the Portland Club and came into operation on November 7, is published with the club's authority. The author has taken a large part in the negotiations, extending over three years, of which the agreed code is a result.

The explanation was published last month in "The Times," and we give the following extracts from the article by Mr. A. Carson Roberts.

A code of Bridge Laws agreed and promulgated by the Portland Club, the Whist Club of New York, and the Commission Francaise du Bridge may fairly be entitled "International," as these three bodies are respectively responsible for the only Bridge Laws hitherto issued (with possibly one exception). The new code applies to the Auction, Contract, and Plafond games. Apart from the scoring laws, which necessarily differ, identical laws will be in force for each game except that for Auction the value rule will still govern the bidding and the remedy for an undue bid will be different.

Probably few players know how widely the English, French, and American laws have differed. Confining attention to differences which could reverse the result of a rubber, a comparison of the English and American laws produces at least 30 and a comparison of the American and French at least 50; and the minor differences are much more numerous. The English and French laws have differed more in form that in substance.

It has taken three years of diligent discussion to remove these differences. Few international treaties have been so intensively considered, and it is hoped that the efforts devoted to this one will secure a greater measure of satisfaction than has sometimes resulted. The Portland Club hope that any body representing the players of any other country will appreciate that wider consultation would have made the work a task of many years. They wish also to thank the other London clubs whose representatives have assisted on previous occasions.

Structural Changes.

Improvement as well as assimilation has been an aim; and it is surprising, on reviewing the changes which have to be announced to our players, to see how largely new features predominate over pure adoptions from other codes. The latter, which include some distinct improvements, are acknowledged in the paragraphs where they are announced. Arguing out the respective advantages of different treatments has revealed many possibilities of finding a better. This is particularly true of the scoring system and the penalty code, which are dealt with respectively in subsequent sections of this article.

A definition clause is now included, giving the meanings of the 34 expressions which are used in a more or less technical sense. The only new terms are "rotation" and "denomination," which have the same meanings as "l'ordre établi" and "couleur" have had in the French definition clause. "Contract" takes the place of "declaration," and "premium score" of "score above the line."

The last part, which is prefaced by the words "These laws shall be in force where no variation or resolution to the contrary has been promulgated or agreed by the players concerned," deals with certain preliminaries and other matters which some clubs may desire to order differently. Otherwise the structure is unchanged. Mere drafting changes are not noted here.

Rules of Procedure.

Outside the scoring and penalty laws few changes have been made:—

1. The most conspicuous, though not the most important, is that the American drawing rule has been accepted. This means that the cards rank as in our Auction law (not as in our Contract law), with the ace as the highest card. It also means that the player who draws the *higher* card has precedence or choice (law 3). The sacrifice of this pawn brought ample reward. No other justification for abandoning our time-honoured practice is, or can be, offered.

2. A much more important change *Touching* for the purpose of play takes the place of *quitting* in determining when the play of a card from the exposed hand becomes irrevocable (21 (2) *a*). This is also an adoption of the American rule, and it will probably serve to abate a considerable nuisance.

3. The definition of an exposed card has been both extended (b and f.) def. xxvi.) and curtailed (c. of that definition).

4. In the laws open to variation (Part VIII.) it is provided:—

i. That the order of entering the room shall govern precedence as between those who have not yet played (from American law).

ii. That special privileges shall be extended to a member of a table who consents to make up another table which cannot be formed without him (from American law).

iii. That while there are only seven in the room the membership of the only table shall include seven instead of six, and that three shall retire at the end of each rubber.

5. A duty to shuffle is imposed on the player on the left of the first dealer (from American law).

6. The right to have the calls restated is open to any player between the close of the auction and the playing of the lead (from French law), but during the auction it is confined to the player whose turn it is to call (17).

The Scope of the Laws.

As is stated in a foreword, "the laws are designed to define correct procedure and to provide an adequate remedy in all cases where a player accidentally, carelessly or inadvertently disturbs the proper course of the game or gains an unintentional, but nevertheless unfair, advantage. The laws are not designed to prevent dishonourable practices; consequently there are no penalties to cover intentional violations either of the laws of the game or of the principles set out in the supplement. It suffices to warn players against any of the careless words or acts which transgress those strict principles of propriety which all players should observe, for, when no penalty is prescribed, the moral obligation of compliance is strongest. Ostracism is the ultimate remedy where intentional offences are repeated." The principle that the code should be addressed only to honourable players, and provide remedies rather than punishments, has governed throughout. The strict rules in Part III. are directed against loose handling of the cards —not against dishonourable acts.

Behaviour.

The supplement is an attempt to secure observance of the "proprieties of the game." Experience goes to show that much more can be done on the side of behaviour by providing a list of things which must be avoided than by prescribing penalties. A "black list" to which attention can be drawn, with that degree of lightness or solemnity which the occasion appears to demand, can be more potent than any scheme of sanctions. There are few players who will not find something to take to heart on the list quoted below. A good many of its items have been culled from the French laws.

Undue delay in making a call when there is no need to consider any other call.

Calling with special emphasis, inflection or intonation.

Varying the formulae used in calling.

Exceptional haste or reluctance in passing or in doubling.

An unnecessary request for a review of the calls already made in the auction.

In any way attracting attention to the score, except when necessary to do so for his own information.

Carelessly passing or playing out of turn.

Giving by word, manner or gesture any indication of the nature of the hand held.

Any remark, question or gesture from which an inference may be drawn.

Calling attention to the number of tricks needed to complete or to defeat the contract or to the fact that it has already been fulfilled.

Giving during the hand unauthorized information as to any incident of the auction.

Indicating in any way approval or disapproval of his partner's call or play.

Allowing his partner's hesitation, remark or manner to influence his call or play.

Any unnecessary request to place the cards played to a trick.

Playing a card with special emphasis.

Undue delay in playing to a trick when the play does not need consideration.

Preparing to gather a trick before all four hands have played to it.

Detaching a card from his hand before it is his turn to lead or play, *e.g.*, a lead held ready before the partner has played to the current trick may indicate a desire to be left with the lead; and a lead held ready after leading a card may inform the partner that the card led, though not the highest, is a winner, and may be still more informative when the second lead is from a different suit.

Volunteering information which can only be given in reply to a question.

For other reasons it is necessary to avoid with special care:—

Tilting cards upwards in the act of dealing or otherwise allowing any of them to be seen. This may cast upon another player a duty which it is not desirable to impose upon him.

Using any convention in calling which has not been announced. The term "convention" is here used to cover any calling designed to convey an arbitrary or artificial meaning or used by a player with the assurance that his partner will not accept it in its natural sense. Obviously, it is necessary that a convention so used should be fully understood by the other side, and players using any conventional call should be ready to reply to reply fully to a proper inquiry by an opponent as to its meaning or use.

Handling or moving the other pack at the end of a hand when not the next dealer.

Failing to keep the tricks in correct order and distinct from one another or allowing some to be placed on the opposite side of the table.

When the declarer's partner, inspecting the declarer's hand after the auction is closed, or leaving the table to watch the declarer play the hand.

It is not wrong, except as specially provided in the case of the dummy, to warn a partner against infringing any rule of the game, *e.g.*, against calling, leading, or playing out of turn. Nor is it wrong to keep silent in regard to a revoke by one's own side except where it is a revoke in the twelfth trick.

Bystanders or members not playing should not when watching the play at a table call attention to any irregularity or mistake in the auction or play or to any point of fact or law, except when requested to give an opinion.

It is outside the scope of this Supplement to refer to dishonourable acts, such as using an undisclosed or secret convention; but, to remove any possible doubt, it is stated here that no player should deliberately infringe any law even when prepared to pay the penalty, and that this includes making a second revoke to conceal one that has been made accidentally.

The authors of this Supplement are well aware that they expose themselves to endless chaff by these admonitions—as do all those who venture to write on behaviour or etiquette. They can only hope that it will be read with a sense of humour.

The Scoring System.

The Auction and Plafond scoring systems remain unaltered. Five changes have been made in the Contract system: for these the Whist Club and Portland Club are solely responsible. To bring these changes to the reader's attention a copy of the new Contract scoring table is appended to this article.

Trick Values.

To the odd tricks won in a no-trump contract alternate values of 30 and 40 have been allotted. Except in one case—so rare as to be negligible—namely, three successive contracts of one in no-trumps or two in no-trumps and one in a major suit—this will never alter the number of tricks needed for reaching a game score. Although it adds an item to the table and there appears slightly complicating, it will actually make the keeping of the score simpler and easier; and it opens the door for shedding the final zero in every entry. Why, then, do the new laws retain these zeros? Simply because it is known that the big figures have played a large part in making the game popular (shall we say?) among the ladies and that dropping them might alienate their affections.

Made-Contract Premium.

The "bonus" for making contract when doubled has been abolished. No doubt some players will regret the loss of this reward "for playing well," but the reasons for its omission are sound reasons. Hitherto the dice have been so heavily loaded against the player who doubles a game bid with an even chance of breaking the contract that experienced players have learnt to avoid these doubles. The average loss which such a double involves when it just fails has been more than twice as great as the corresponding gain; thus an ill-balanced scoring system was robbing the Contract game of one of the attractive features which it should possess in common with the Auction game. Abolishing the made-contract premium levels this balance for vulnerable contracts and improves it materially for other contracts.

Undertrick Penalties.

The scales governing undertrick penalties have hitherto advanced in jerks at arbitrary stages. Taking the columns which list the undertrick penalties for contracts which are (i.) not vulnerable and undoubled, (ii.) not vulnerable and doubled, (iii.) vulnerable and undoubled, and (iv.) vulnerable and doubled, we find:—In (i.) no advance; in (ii.) two 100 per cent. advances, one in the third and one in the fifth line; in (iii.) one such advance in the second line, and in (iv.) one also in the second line. In the revised table:—In (i.) there is no advance; in (ii.), (iii.) and (iv.) there is continuous advance in perfect arithmetical progression.

As will be seen from the cumulative figures given below, this revision does not materially affect the weight of the penalties; for two, three, or four undertricks in case (ii.) they are rather heavier, and in all cases the wildly impossible bid is punished more severely—namely, when the not-vulnerable fail by more than eight tricks, or the vulnerable by more than four.

The new scales are definitely superior in equity and logical symmetry. The elimination of jerks at arbitrary stages and the complete assimilation of scales (ii.) and (iii.) remove all difficulties for the memory and all need for printed schedules. The only objection which can be raised is that some players will find it more difficult to calculate the entries to be made on the score sheet. The entries to be made in case (i.) remain unaltered; the corresponding entries in cases (ii.) (iii.) and (iv.), for undertricks up to five, are:—

Old—(ii.)	100	200	400	600	1,000
(iii.)	100	300	500	700	900
(iv.)	200	600	1,000	1,400	1,900
New—(ii.)	100	250	450	700	1,000
(iii.)	100	250	450	700	1,000
(iv.)	200	500	900	1,400	2,000

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The progressive increase of penalty has not been extended to case (i.) The smallness of these penalties has added an attractive feature to the game: it gives to the side which have not yet won a game some interesting advantages in defence. The bids made to force the vulnerable beyond their strength, and the bids made to deter them from reaching game contracts (termed "psychic" bids by some who have scant regard for the appropriate use of terms) are

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The Right Way to Test Good Whisky

The expert tests whisky by the nose and by the palate. To tell a good whisky by the nose is rather difficult, unless you are an expert, but most people can rely on their palate, and if you have a sensitive palate you should have no difficulty in detecting the fine qualities of "White Horse." Where there is a bite or kick in whisky it does not signify that one whisky has more alcoholic strength than the other. Cheap and immature whisky has a very decided bite or kick. If whisky is matured for, say, 20 or 30 years, the strength is reduced very considerably indeed. It tastes like cream.

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not features which it is desirable to eliminate. The penalties, if these bids are doubled, are such that their use is confined to the daring.

Overtrick Premiums.

Is there any good reason why overtrick points should be higher than trick points? Is there any ground for rewarding the vulnerable more highly than the not-vulnerable for their overtricks? Some think that these two contentions are equally strong when the contract is doubled. The main reason why the present premiums have been retained for doubled contracts is that it is not thought desirable to give too much encouragement to the daring expedient of the deterring or defensive double, for which the term "psychic" has also been forced into service.

Slam Premiums.

The little-slam premiums of 500 and 750 were well chosen: the move from a safe five to a doubtful six offers, in each case, a chance of gain equal to the loss which is risked. Not so the grand slam premiums: here the move from a safe six to a doubtful seven offered (taking the case of a major suit) a maximum gain of 480 (730 for the vulnerable), while the corresponding loss stands at 1,055 (1,530 for the vulnerable). The loss items include the small slam premiums which would have been scored in addition to the trick points, the penalty for one undertrick and the average value of game.

It is no wonder that grand slam bids have been extremely rare with a scoring system in which the side with an even chance of success have to risk more than twice as much as they can gain. By the simple and logical expedient of allowing both premiums to be scored by the successful grand slam bidders this balance has been adjusted.

Contract Scoring Tables.

	For	Undoubled	Doubled
Trick score	Each odd trick bid and won—in clubs or diamonds	20	40
	in hearts or spades	30	60
	in no trumps, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 7th	30	60
	2nd, 4th and 6th	30	60

		Not Vulnerable		Vulnerable	
		Undoubled	Doubled	Undoubled	Doubled
Premium Score	Each overtrick	Trick value	100	trick value	200
	*Undertrick penalties—First	50	100	100	200
	Second	50	150	150	370
	Third	50	200	200	400
	Fourth	50	250	250	500
	Fifth	50	300	300	600
	Little slam bid & won	500		750	
	Grand slam bid and won	1500		2250	
	Honours in one hand—four honours of trump suit		100		
	five honours of trumps suit		150		
	four aces when no trumps		150		
	Rubber points—two-game rubber		700		
	three-game rubber		500		
	unfinished rubber—for game		300		

A redouble doubles the doubled points

*N.B.—Penalties in similar progression further undertricks

PENALTIES.

The Provisions Related.

The changes for our players are here taken in the order of their importance. The numbers given are those of the new laws.

Declarer leading from the wrong hand:—The peculiarly appropriate American penalty has been adopted. "Either opponent may require him to lead from the correct hand and in such a case he must, if he can, lead a card of the same suit." (45.) This penalty, small and innocent as it appears, will greatly affect our game. The offence to which it relates probably occurs more often than all others taken together, and our tiny penalty has failed to suppress the nuisance. The new penalty is faultlessly just: instead of possibly assisting the offender in a finesse, the mistake may now rob him of a fruitful finesse and cost him a trick or more.

The Revoke:—The penalty for an established and detected revoke has been placed well below the level of that now included in any code. Two tricks are to be transferred for the first and one for each subsequent revoke, subject always to the important proviso that "no transfer shall include any trick won before the first revoke occurred or any trick transferred from the other side under this law." Apart from the scoring changes, this proviso will probably be ranked as the greatest improvement resulting from this revision. It abolishes penalty in those many cases where no possible injury has been inflicted, and it graduates the penalties with some relation to the possible injury. Moreover, it goes far to relieve from penalty those harmless revokes which so often occur in putting down cards towards the end of a hand. (Subsection 6 of Law 55.)

The provisions governing the right to inquire, and the point of time when correction ceases to be available, have been carefully revised with three objects in view. First, to reduce to a minimum the occasions for argument and dispute; second, to secure to every player full opportunity to prevent the hammer falling before a possible error by his partner has been corrected; and, third, to limit to one the number of cards which can have been exposed by the non-offending side before the correction. (Subsections 2-4 of Law 55.) After the correction a card "played from the hand of the offender's partner may not be taken back." (55 (1) b.)

It is to be remembered that "failure to lead or play as duly required by or under these laws when able to obey such requirement" is a revoke, and that, in view of the new penalty imposed on a declarer who leads from the wrong hand, this failure may now be more frequent than failure to follow suit. (def. xxviii.)

Declarer claiming uncertain tricks:—An opponent who holds a forgotten trump or an unsuspected defence in a suit has often been deprived of his just hopes by a declarer's claim to the remaining tricks. Much thought has been given to devising adequate protection in those cases where the claim may save the declarer from the consequences of his mistake. In the usual case of a forgotten trump or an unsuspected defence the important question is: In what order does the declarer propose to make his tricks? In other and rarer cases it may be: Does he intend to repeat a finesse? Does he mean to establish cards by ruffing? or, Does he think he can lead through a winner and refrain from trumping unless it is played? Under the new law, if he fails to make a complete statement of his intentions any matter which his statement has left unsettled shall be settled as directed by the opponent who has required the statement to be amplified. (54).

The insufficient bid:—Any penalty appropriate to the Auction game is quite inapplicable where the contract principle rules. Moreover, the offence is far more frequent and its remedy far more important in Auction, where the value rule is still to govern the bidding. Our law remains in force for the Auction game, but for the Contract games the American law has been adopted with an amendment which confines the silencing of the offender's partner to one round of the auction. (40).

Calls out of turn. Illegal calls. Card exposed during the auction.—In the French laws and in ours, giving the player on the offender's left title to claim a new deal has been the universal remedy. In America much thought had been given to "making the punishment fit the crime:" 17 penalties had been devised for 17 different phases of these offences, and in some cases there was choice of two or more—in one case after consultation. The exchange of a number of printed documents charged with weighty argument brought to light further distinctions of which account had not been taken in this subdivision. It was seen to be more important to distinguish calls which forestall a partner's call from those which do not than to distinguish passes from other calls. It was also seen that the exposure of any card intended as a lead to the last bid is often more important than the accidental exposure of a card of honour rank. In result, our old remedy is to apply except in these three cases:

i. For a pass when no bid has been made or a pass made in the turn of the opponent on the right—no penalty: after any other call in the turn of that opponent "the offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call." (39).

ii. In the rare case of a call other than a pass after the auction is closed "the declarer may call a lead from the partner of the offender the first time it is the turn of that player to lead." (41).

iii. If a single card of less than honour rank has been exposed without intent to lead "the player who becomes the declarer may either (a) treat the card as an exposed card during the play or (b) prohibit the offender's partner from making his first lead in the suit of that card." (43.). In (ii.) and part of (iii.) the American law is adopted.

Looking at a quitted trick:—Experience has proved that our penalty of 50 points is seldom, if ever, exacted, and there has been similar experience elsewhere with other point penalties. The new code has no point penalty (even for the revoke), and in this case it imposes one which is much more likely to abate the nuisance:—The opponent on the declarer's left "may select the suit from which the offending side is to lead when first it is the turn of that side to lead." (53).

Minor changes:—The player who looks at his cards during a deal is to be subject to our penalty, but only when a card is exposed "in consequence of" his action. (38.) When the auction proceeds after an out-of-turn call it is the player whose turn it was to call (not the player on the offender's left) who calls next (39.). (From American law). The penalty for drawing attention to the position of a trick is made to apply definitely to the dummy. (52.) Other changes too small to deserve mention are made in laws 46 (2, 3 and 4) and 47 (1)c.

It is only when "requested to do so" that a player who has called attention to an irregularity may "state the law on the subject." (60.) And the law as to misstatements of fact or law now only relates to misstatements of law. (61.)

Simplifications:—The laws of Part VII. deal seriatim with the irregularities which can occur (1) during the auction and (2) during the play; and they contain subsections relating to all the different phases and incidents of these irregularities. As there are only 21 of these laws with two subsections apiece on the average, there is no need for search or index when an irregularity occasions reference to the laws; and these are usually the cases when such reference is needed.

There will no longer be any doubt as to which opponent is to decide whether there is to be a new deal or to impose or select the penalty for an offence. In each case the opponent on the offender's left must decide without consultation. This complete adoption of the French plan alters our laws very slightly but affects American players more. In their laws there were nine cases where either opponent might make the claim and in two consultation was allowed; consequently there was a code of rules with penalties to prevent improper consultation.

There will no longer be any doubt as to whether an irregularity has been condoned. Following the American plan, the one case in which it needed action by both opponents has been eliminated.

A Further Analysis.

Undoubtedly pride of place must be given to the Revoke Laws. In the past these have certainly been too harsh, more especially in the case of a technical revoke in the last two tricks. Many a time has one seen great reluctance displayed in claiming a revoke at this stage of the game, especially when the revoker could gain nothing by his error; players, however, felt that as they have had to pay for similar slips themselves, they were bound to exact the penalty. Hence the law, "A revoke made in the twelfth trick never becomes established" should prove very popular.

One is asked: "What is there to prevent a player ruffing the twelth trick, although able to follow suit?" Section (5) meets the case: "An opponent of the offender, before a revoke is established, may demand that a correct card may be substituted for the revoking card." Since that revoke is never established, it is never too late to have it rectified.

Other than in the last two tricks, a revoke is established by either the revoker or his partner playing to the next trick, not by the quitting of the trick, but if the revoke consists in not leading a suit when required to by the laws, then the fact of the partner playing to such lead establishes the revoke.

The Greatest Change.

The greatest revolution in these new laws is that a player can make his contract if after paying over the penalty tricks he has enough tricks remaining. The alternative of 250 points instead of two tricks is abolished, and the penalty for subsequent revokes is reduced to one trick. There is a further proviso that no tricks can be taken from the revoker which he had made before he revoked. This seems perfectly fair.

A revoke cannot be claimed if the offender's partner has temporarily left the table, unless his opponent asks him if he has none of the suit he has renounced.

It is considered that the new Revoke Laws are clear, concise and well framed, and that they treat the offence with great fairness.

Dummy's Cards.

The new rule that touching a card in Dummy constitutes playing it will save a lot of fumbling, and is therefore to be welcomed, but one cannot feel that way about the penalty for the Declarer leading out of the wrong hand. This is such an easy mistake to make, especially when playing quickly. It is done frequently every day quite innocently, and generally inadvertently, so that the penalty of having to lead the same suit from the right hand may be very heavy.

One of the framers of the laws has explained that the reason for penalising it is that the Declarer may gain information from the fact that the opponents do not play the lead. If Dummy holds King, Knave and others, and the Declarer Ace, ten, and others, if Dummy leads a small one out of turn and is not stopped, it would suggest that the Queen is on the Declarer's left, so instead of finessing the ten he would put up the Ace and finesse the Knave on the next round.

This certainly makes out a strong case for introducing a penalty, but it still seems a case of the just suffering for the unjust.

Exposed Cards.

When an opponent of the Declarer wrongly plays before his partner, unless the Declarer has played from both hands before either opponent has played, the old penalties of the offender's partner being made to play his highest or lowest of the suit, to win or not win the trick, or to discard from a named suit, still hold good, but if the offence is in the twelfth trick his two cards now become exposed, and either of them may be called.

A card now ranks as exposed if its owner's partner sees it, even if dropped on the floor.

Cutting for Deal.

One welcomes the return to the old law. Cutting by suits was introduced because there was an idea that an unscrupulous person could cut a high or low card by observing how far a card slid when the pack was spread, the low cards, having less paint on them, being supposed to slide further.

How far this may be true one is not prepared to say, but undoubtedly the way which has just been abolished was worse, as cutting a card next to the one chosen by the player with whom it is desired to cut certainly improved the chances of getting him, since many tricks consist of four cards of the same suit, and they are not greatly disturbed by a casual shuffle.

Card Exposed During Auction.

One wonders if the framers of the laws realised the consequences which might accrue from being able to forbid a player to lead from the suit of a card, below an honour, exposed by his partner during the auction. If North bids three of a minor suit, showing a long established suit, and East exposes a small Spade, South may be able to bid a grand slam in safety with no Spade protection, as he can forbid the lead of that suit.

A penalty of 3,000 points for exposing a valueless card seems somewhat severe.

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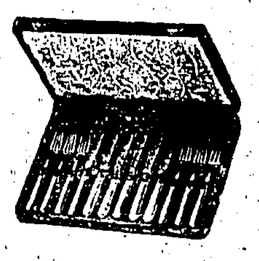

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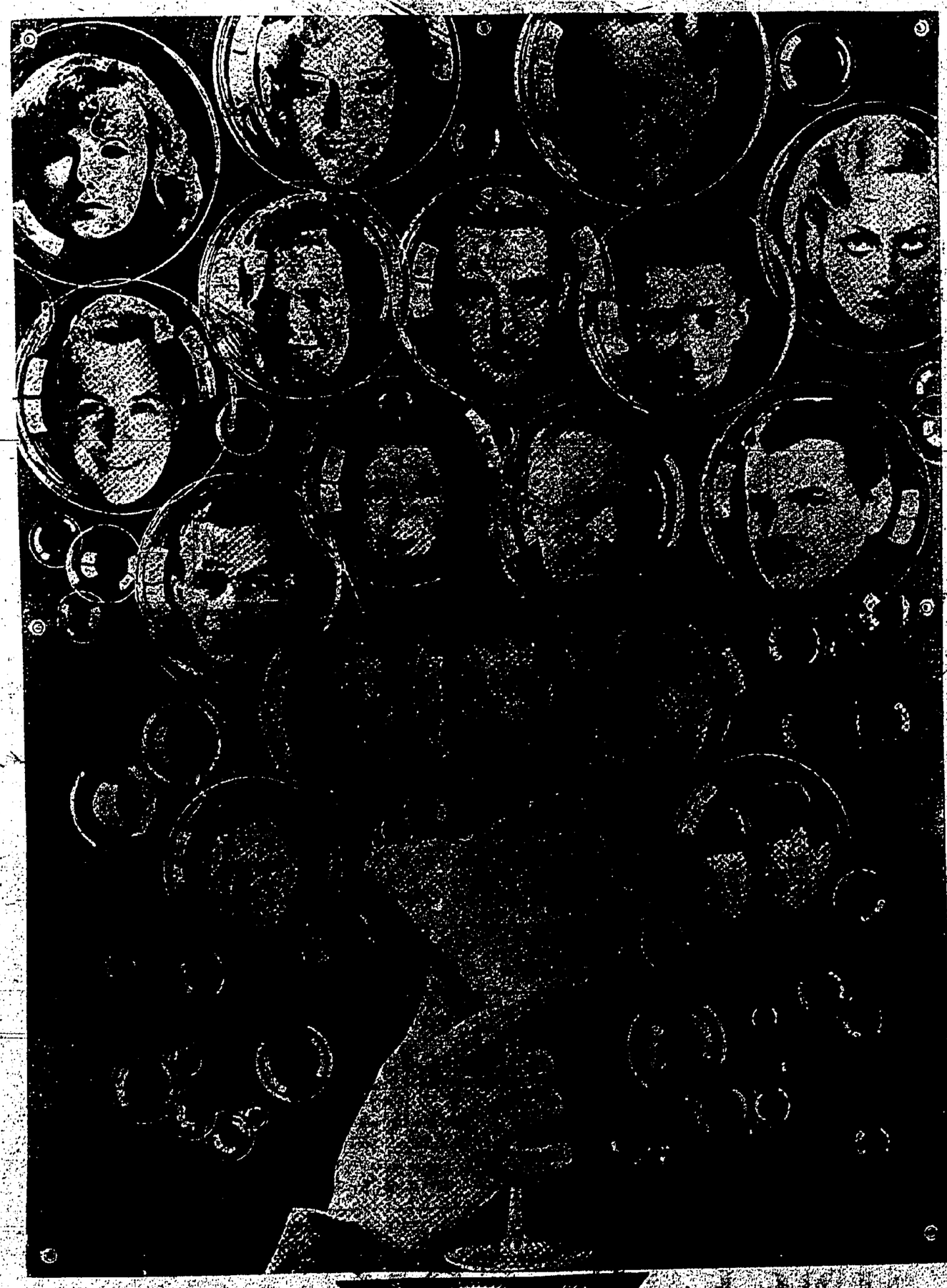

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NUGGET'S FESTIVE DAY

—BY "A.N.R."

Nugget left off turning the windlass and stood for a moment holding the handle.

"Bli'me," he remarked emphatically, "to-morrow's Christmas Day and this must be Christmas Eve!"

"Well, and what about it" said Long Ned on the other handle. "You ain't expectin' Santa Claus, are you?"

Nugget grinned.

"Not unless he fetches me a decent slug of gold or some beer."

Then to me below he yelled, "Hey, Bill, come up or you'll be working all Christmas."

"Christmas!" echoed little Geordie Stokes pausing in his labours at the dolly pot.

So there and then we held a consultation as to how we would celebrate the festive season. Dog and damper had been the current menu for weeks past but we felt that something extra should be raked up for Christmas.

"Leave it to me," said Nugget confidently. "Now let's see. First we want a puddin.' We've got flour and salt and bakin' powder, so that's right. Poultry! Who'll get some poultry? Crows are barred."

"Might get a 'roo," Geordie suggested. "I seen a 'roo track along that breakaway about five miles away and if someone set a snare we might get one."

"An emu's more likely," interpolated Long Ned. And taking his gun he started out.

"Well, that's fine," Nugget finalised. "We just can't help getting something."

It was a good long walk to the breakaway, but Geordie liked company, so I went with him.

"We'll get something for sure," Geordie predicted confidently when we had set the trap.

Arrived back in camp again we found Nugget involved in the manufacture of a pudding.

Nugget scratched his head, then he made a dive at the couple of kerosene cases which constituted the safe.

"Got it," he cried, triumphantly, as he brought to light a long forgotten package of dried apples.

"But them's apples," said Geordie, doubtfully.

"Don't matter," argued the cook, "it'll be a fruit puddin' anyway."

And in the apples went.

"Now we want a cloth!"

"Long Ned's still got a clean shirt," I suggested, "the one he is saving to go back to Kalgoorlie in."

"It'll do," agreed Nugget enthusiastically.

So the absent Ned's wardrobe was looted, and the pudding tied in the expansive back of his precious garment. Then the lot was immersed in a kerosene tin of boiling water.

Tea time came and we dined on the usual dog and damper.

"Better stuff to-morrow," remarked Nugget encouragingly as he stoked up the pudding. Darkness fell with Long Ned still absent.

Nugget brought out his accordeon and started a tune. Then Geordie burst into song. He had been well brought up—in Jarrow, and knew all the Christmas carols and most of the hymns. Suddenly an apparition intruded into our circle of light; a turbaned head fitted with a hooked nose, flashing black eyes and a black beard done up in plaits. Shan Mahomet the Ghan.

"What matter?" he inquired with a smile.

"Christmas Eve," I explained.

"I see. Same as breaking of Ramadan."

"Something like it. Sit down" Mahomet dropped to his haunches.

"I camp leetle way away. I hear you," he explained. "I like singing."

Just then Long Ned staggered in with a mass of bones and feathers, which he dropped with a thud.

"Said I'd get you some poultry," he said.

We then abandoned melody and started extracting the feathers from Ned's prize. They were tough.

"I singe heem," suggested Mahomet.

But it was too hot to hold a big emu over a fire, so we continued to pluck.

"Good night," said Mahomet, as he went away.

"Come to dinner to-morrow," shouted Nugget after him. "No ham or bacon."

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I awoke at break of day and looked out through the open flap of tent. Surely I was dreaming, for there, not thirty yards away, strutted a big turkey gobbler, wild of course. Reaching for my Winchester I drew a careful bead and pulled the trigger. The shot roused the camp.

"What about Santa Claus now!" I cried as I held the gobbler before their delighted eyes.

After breakfast Geordie and I walked across to the breakaway to examine our trap. We found a full grown doe in it, hung up by one leg, but quite unhurt. She regarded us with terrified eyes as we approached. From her pouch peeped a tiny joey.

Geordie looked at her thoughtfully for a moment. Then he pulled the sapling down, and slipped the noose from the animal's leg.

"We won't need her now," he remarked. He had a soft heart for animals, had Geordie.

Nugget had the turkey frizzling in the camp oven when we arrived back.

"I'd have stuffed it only I was beat for an onion."

Long Ned was busy boiling sections of his emu in a kerosene tin.

"Chicken broth," he explained. "Open a couple of tins of miners' lunch and we'll get some onion out of them."

Dinner was a great success. Chicken broth, turkey with tinned peas and dried potatoes, and lastly Nugget's wonderful pudding.

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But best of all was Mahomet's contribution. He arrived with half-a-dozen of the best, three in each hand.

"I carry one hundred dozen for publican at Forty-five Mile. These I say I break as I load and unload," he explained with a smile.

We knew he'd be all right since, being a follower of the Prophet, no one would accuse him of tampering with forbidden waters. Still he stood in for a pannikinful when his turn came round.

"Your Christmas like my Ramadan," he remarked half apologetically.

"Your prophet only forbids wine, not beer," I argued.

So viewing the Koran in a new light, Mahomet had another. After that he looted his packs for another half dozen.

For tea we tried some of Ned's emu but abandoned the attack fully convinced that the bird had held Marathon records. However next day a deserving family of aboes came along and we presented the emu to them. They had no trouble with it.

"Plurry good, Kris'mas," was their undivided opinion.

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OUR HUMOURIST TALKS ON NEW BOOKS

This year, as on previous occasions, the supply of books is large and varied enough to suit the tastes of all those who are eager to choose acceptable gifts.

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Many devotees of the home beautiful are of opinion that a book should always appear on the piano as well as on the occasional table, and, from the utilitarian point of view, volumes of varying thickness are a great convenience in the event of a castor coming off a chair, or one of the legs of the whatnot succumbing to the assaults of age, insects, or Every Boy's Box of Carpentry Tools.

Handsomest among a host of handsome tomes is "My Memories," by Mr. Anon Entity. We cannot recall having for many years seen a volume so naturally adapted for pressing wild flowers and at the same time doing yeoman service as a door stop. Mr. Entity has a fluent pen and took a special course of memory training before putting his recollections on paper with it.

Despite the high artistic standard of modern cloth, leather binding will always appeal to the connoisseur, and "A Nimrod and Some Gnus" is likely to be one of the successes of the season. As a strop for razors of both the safety and the sudden death variety, it leaves *nothing to be desired*. Its presence on the bath-room shelf will also endear it to all those who like reading in their bath.

A novelty in binding has been chosen for "Soul Pants and Other Poems," the new volume with which Miss A. D. Venture does honour to the season. Its rounded edges are a guarantee that it will go into any stocking without laddering it. The contents, by the way, have nothing to do with underwear.

Equally distinctive in getup is "Of Little Worth," by N. C. The wide margins with which these unpretentious little verses are printed ensure that the contents will not seriously mar the book's utility as a scribbling block. Those in search of a quotation for every day of the year will here find a three months' supply at the modest price of twenty-five shillings net.

AT THE THREE BLIND MICE

—BY "A.S.N."

It seemed that if it wasn't a miracle it was the next thing to it.

Horace and Samson were both idly gazing at the Christmas decorations that adorned the bar of *The Three Blind Mice*, and I was trying to find a word that would rhyme with Gladys, when Santa Claus entered by the front doorway.

"Struth!" gasped Samson, and sank into the three and a half legged chair in the corner. Horace, however, advanced to meet the visitor.

"Welcome," he said. "You have just arrived in time to save three little boys from dying in the dreaded pangs of a terrible malady epidemic in the overland Christmas season."

"Hey, I'm not the real Santa Claus, young fellow," he said. "I'm only the draw card at Blank's Emporium round the corner."

"That does not matter," said Horace. "You are part of an inspired fancy of the human race, and because fifty million people or more believe in that fancy, you have become a fact. To you it is given, at this blessed season, to bestow, and nothing, my dear sir, would persuade me to deprive you of your divine mission. Santa Claus, meet the boys—Samson, Junior and myself. Our Christmas wish is a long cool drink. It's for you, as Father Christmas, to see that we get our little present."

"Oh," said Santa Claus, "the ma'ady referred to is thirst."

"Ah, my dear Santa," said Horace, affectionately, "you have guessed it in one. It is indeed thirst, one of the severest of all maladies but the one that responds most readily to treatment. I am the most afflicted, so I speak for all three of us. My duty done I wait your gracious favour."

"My young fellow," said Santa Claus, "it is lucky I met you. I have something important to say to you, a story I might call it. First thing I didn't come here to 'ave a drink. I never thought of it till you put the idea into me head. It's me wife I came here for——"

"Don't do it!" broke in Horace. "Drinking is a man's affair, not a woman's."

"It wasn't drink either, mister, it was about a job."

"A job for your wife!

"Yes! You see, I had some trouble, and when I came out of the cooler, I didn't feel much inclined to go back to work, and as the wife 'ad been goin' out washin' by the day, I let her keep on whilst I took the time lookin' for a nice cushy job, with a thousand a year an' nothin' to do an' loafin' all the time. I was a real low-down lazy hound and much too fond of the idleness, in those days.

"Well, about Christmas time, last year, I hears of a job, at Blank's. They wanted somebody to be Santa Claus, and if he was satisfactory they'd find him a permanent job. So I sez to myself, here's an easy cop for a week, and if I takes it without tellin' the Missus, I'll have a few quid to spend on fun at Christmas. That'll show yer how lowdown I muster got.

"Well, I took the job, and everything went well till one day I sees the Missus and the two kids coming into Blank's Emporium.

"Look, mummie," I hears young Mary say, 'There's Father Christmas. Can we go and tell him what we want him to bring us?'

"'You'd better not, she says, sad like, 'I think he's *too* busy.'

"'But we must, mum,' says young Bill, or he won't know.'

"'Well, I'd better see him first,' the Missus says and marches up to me, all bent and broken-hearted, but she do seem to recognise me under me disguise an' with her head, hanging down in shame.

"'You'd better tell them you're not coming out our way, or something,' she says to me. 'Me husband's out of work and there won't be no presents for the kids this year. I'm afraid.'

"It makes a lump come in me throat, watchin' me own family there like a man in an audience watches a play, and I felt terribly ashamed of meself.

"Then up comes young Bill and Mary.

"'Well, little ones,' I says in a deep voice, like I was supposed to say, 'what do you want me to bring you for Christmas?'

"'Mary wants a doll and a box of chocolates,' says Bill, so gallant that I felt real proud of him, 'and I'd like a meccano,' he says.

"'And what's your mummy want?' I says, without quite known' why.

"Bill looked puzzled.

"'Oh, she says, she don't want nothing any more,' he says, 'but I think she'd like daddy to be good. Then she wouldn't cry so much.'

"Then the missus pretends to smile and tells Bill not to talk such rubbish. It made me feel real sorry for her to see her smile like that. I hadn't seen her smile for donkeys' years.

"'And what about your daddy?' I says.

"'Oh, he says he wants a job, but mum says she doesn't think he wants anything but beer. Still,' continues Bill, thoughtful like, 'I think he'd really rather have a job, if you've got one.'

"When I hear Bill say that I want to hug him, and cry and do all sorts of silly things, for his faith in me, but I'm frightened to attract the attention of the Missus, who's busy admiring a dress she'd like to buy if she had the money.

"Well, young 'uns, I whispers to them, your mother was sayin' she didn't think I'd be callin' out your way this year, but don't you worry, I'll be there, with the dolls and the chocolates and the meccano and the job for your daddy, but I'm not quite sure about a real [illegible] for mummy, still I'll do my best.'

"Kisses 'em both on the [illegible] sends 'em back to the Missus.

"It would have done yer good to have seen the Missus that night when I arrived home with the toys for the kids and the dress she'd been admiring, and told her about me permanent job, which I'd got by having a manly heart to heart talk with the boss. I've been there now for a year, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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